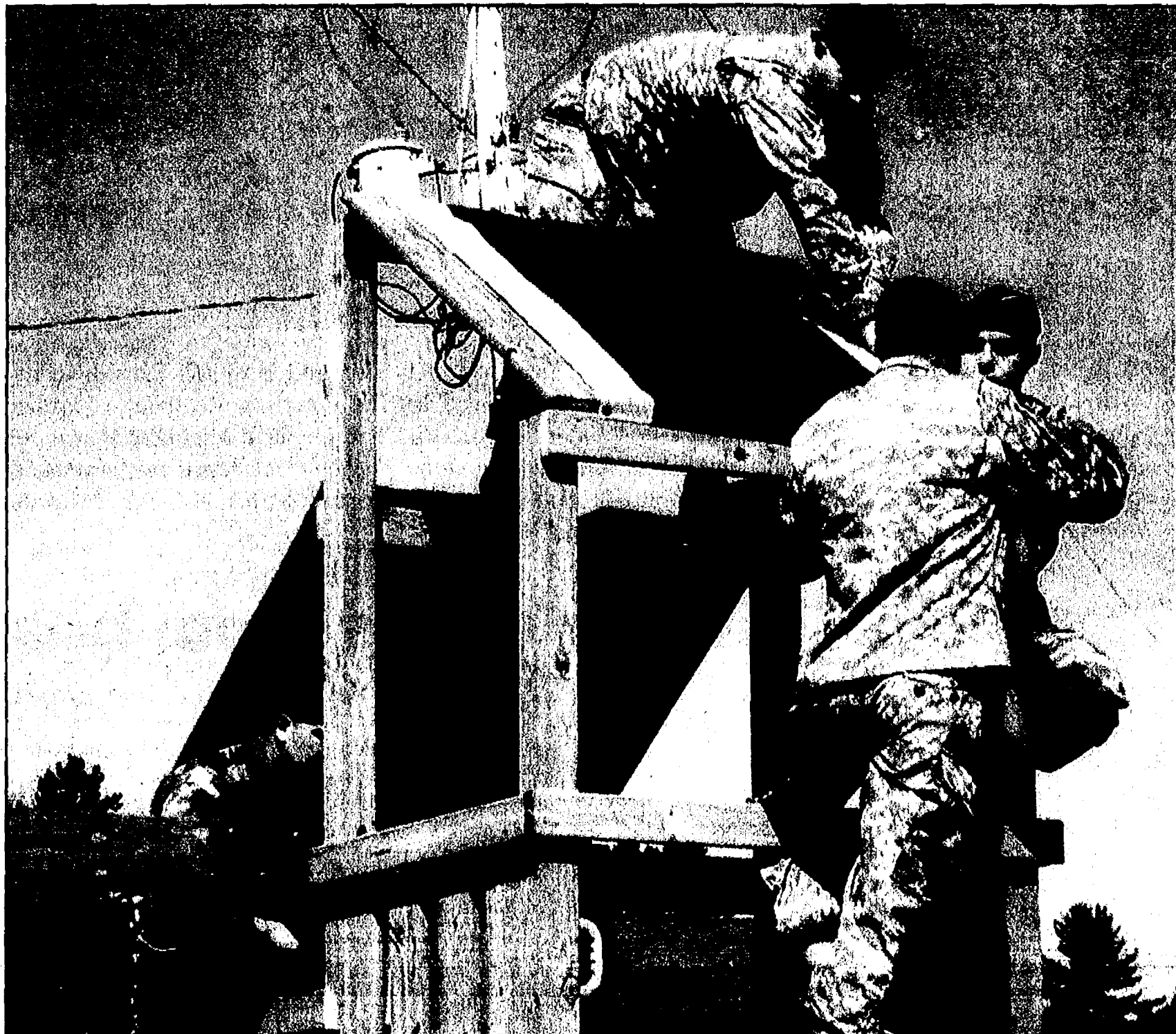


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## Field Maintenance



Grayling Little League officials helped spruce up the Millikin and McNamara fields last Saturday with help from members of the Michigan National Guard 1071st Maintenance Co., who helped build a new playground structure at the fields. Above, Pfc. Charles Evans, Spc. William Cousins, Pvt. Michael Purdue and Spc. Josh Gildner put the finishing touches on the new Swing and Slide playground equipment. For more on the event, see "1071st Maintenance..." on Page 3A.

## Military officials field concerns on rocket firing

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Camp Grayling officials are striving to address concerns over a proposal that would allow troops to fire missiles in a range located in Beaver Creek Township.

Military officials have prepared a draft environmental assessment for a proposal that would allow troops to fire the Multiple Launch Rocket System on lands leased to the military through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The missiles would be fired during annual training from a site located in Kalkaska County's Garfield Township. The missiles, however, would land in an impact area located in Crawford County's Beaver Creek Township.

Col. Dean Brown, the commander at Camp Grayling, said the military has been experiencing scheduling conflicts, safety and security concerns at firing ranges located off of North Down River Road.

"It's causing a lot of friction for scheduling," Brown said. "The soldiers are there for a short period of time and we have to maximize the opportunity that we have with them."

The missiles would be fired during the annual two week training periods and only three to six days per year and as much as

six to 12 days a year. The military said it would fire no more than 216 rockets during a training period.

The Reduced Range Practice Rockets travel approximately 12 kilometers or seven miles. The rockets feature a flattened shape to increase its aerodynamic drag. A small gunpowder charge is located in the cap of the rockets, which gives troops an indication of where the rocket lands. Observation posts would be installed on ridges located adjacent to the ranges, which would mean the military would not have to bare the expense of having helicopters observe the missiles.

The military currently has an application pending with the Federal Aviation Administration to restrict civilian and commercial aircraft from entering the airspace while the missiles are being fired.

Brown and Jim Hunt, the environmental manager for Camp Grayling, said firing the missiles on the range would have no impact on the wildlife and minimal impact on the environment.

"If there is anything that the public brings to our attention that would have a detrimental effect on the public's use of those lands, I can assure you we will pull the plug on this and find  
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## Kirtland earns honor, grant for 'Chemistry Day'

A Mio alumna, now a part-time chemistry instructor at Kirtland Community College, is hoping to spark the interest of younger students and motivate them to be more serious in studying the world of science.

Kristy Gipson, 26, has helped host "Chemistry Day" at Kirtland even before graduating from Central Michigan University in 2002, with some assistance from her mother, Denise Kemp, a full-time biology instructor at KCC. Their efforts are now part of the college's outreach program in community service learning.

"We started it," said Gipson, who originally wanted to teach at the elementary level, of the family effort to promote science. "I've been doing Chemistry Day since I started working here."

"It's fun," she said. "It gives me my fix (of teaching) younger kids."

Kirtland recently hosted its Spring 2007 Chemistry Day on Monday, April 16, with a sixth-grade class from Mio Elementary School in Mio and fourth-graders from Surline

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Kirtland Community College chemistry student Becky Deline (left) of Grayling helps a group of fourth-graders from Surline Elementary mix up their own chalk, just one of five experiments the young visitors got to do during "Chemistry Day" at KCC on April 16. Sixth-graders from Mio Elementary also took part in the fun, as Kirtland officials look to expand the event to include classes from school districts in Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon counties.

## Otsego County appeals attorney fee ruling

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Otsego County Commissioners are protesting a decision that would make the county liable for paying attorneys fees for a six-year battle with the 46th Circuit Trial Court.

The Otsego County Board of Commissioners, earlier this month, authorized appeals that will be filed with the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court for a Michigan Court of Appeals ruling that said that the county was liable to pay its share of attorney fees for a dispute with the 46th Circuit Trial Court.

The 46th Circuit Trial Court covers Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

The 46th Circuit Trial Court sued Crawford and Kalkaska Counties, in December, 2000, for refusing to allocate funds for the court employee pension and retirement medical plans.

Crawford and Kalkaska Counties disputed the benefits because officials said it would place unfunded liability on the counties. Crawford and Kalkaska County officials filed a counter-claim against the court,

alleging fraud for misrepresenting the costs of the benefits. A claim was also filed against Otsego County, accusing officials there of conspiring with the court by withholding information on the cost of the benefits.

Former 46th Circuit Trial Court Chief Judge Alton T. Davis issued a court order, forcing the counties to fund the benefit plans.

Payment of attorney fees, which have been projected to be over \$2 million, is the only unresolved issue in the dispute.

In July 2006, the Michigan Supreme Court, ruled that the funding of enhanced pension benefits and retirement health care benefits sought by the administration for the 46th Circuit Trial Court, were not reasonable and necessary to the serviceability of the court and that Crawford and Kalkaska counties were not contractually obligated to appropriate funds for the benefit plans. The Supreme Court also said the court's authority to demand appropriations from the counties was limited to meeting critical judicial needs. The just  
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## Job Seeking



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Seventeen area businesses and organizations took part in a Job Fair and Business Expo held at the Grayling High School last week. The event was sponsored by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Crawford County Economic Development Partnership and the local Michigan Works office. The Job Fair and Business Expo allowed people to inquire about jobs and businesses to showcase their products and services. Above, Sara King and Kim Hannah of Grayling talk with Ron Mavis, co-owner of Sno-Trac Village in Lovells, about potential job opportunities.

## Three candidates vie for school board

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Three graduates from the Crawford AuSable School District are vying for two seats on the school board.

Dr. Bill Dean, the current president of the Crawford AuSable School Board, and Lewis Madill, the board's vice president, are being challenged by Craig

Stewart for their seats on the school board on the Tuesday, May 8 school ballot.

Dean and Madill graduated from Grayling High School in 1977, while Stewart was a member of the 1978 graduating class.

Dean, 47, has served on the school board for four years and is seeking to continue his commitment to the schools.

"It's just a matter of being involved with the education system," he said.

Dean said preserving quality education in a time of decreasing financial resources was an issue the board will face.

Providing a safe environment for the students to learn in was another issue that Dean raised.

"In light of what happened at Virginia Tech, that is more important than ever," Dean said.

Dean also said that it is critical that the students are held accountable and should be meeting and exceeding state averages for mandated tests.

"I just want to make sure we keep high standards for the kids in Grayling," Dean said.

Madill, who has also been on the board for four years, is the salesman for AuSable Woodworking in Frederic.

Madill said making decisions for the schools was his reason for running for re-election.

"We have got a lot of good things going and we have made some great strides, especially at the lower elementary grades," he said.

Addressing state and federal mandates and budget issues was a top issue Madill cited for the board.

"I just want to be involved and

to do the best job we can and make the cuts as least painful as possible," Madill said.

Keeping smaller class sizes at the elementary school so students can get a solid education in reading and writing for their later school years was also an issue Madill raised.

"We are not ever going to be able to achieve that if we are not catching them in kindergarten, and in first and second grade," Madill said.

Madill also said it is critical for the board members to maintain support for the schools.

"We are fortunate to have great community support, and without that, we wouldn't be able to achieve what we have," Madill said.

Stewart, 47, is a field manager for John-Al Construction.

Stewart said he has no vested interest in the schools since his children have graduated, but would like to help make decisions at the school board table.

"I just think we need some balance in the district, and I think I can bring some positive ideas for reconstructing things and can just be a voice that can enlighten that a little bit," Stewart said.

While addressing budget issues, Stewart said the board should strive to keep the budget cuts out of the classroom.

"We need to leave teachers in the classroom and some support staff," Stewart said.

Stewart also believes that the school employees are over-managed and that the district's administration can be reconfigured.

"I think we can restructure our administration to save dollars

and not have to cut programs and entry-level people," he said.

A millage proposal that will ask voters to renew the 18 mills levied on non-homestead properties is also on the election ballot. Non-homestead taxes are collected on businesses and second homes such as cabins and vacation homes. The tax is a critical part of the school district's financial picture since it makes up about \$5 million of the district's \$16.2 million budget.

The Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School (COOR ISD) District Board has also placed a Headlee restoration proposal on the school ballot.

The Headlee Amendment requires the district to adjust the amount of taxes it collects annually to accommodate for the rate of inflation. Districts can place a Headlee rollback, which is also referred to as a Headlee override, on the election ballot to recover the funding.

Voters for the ISD will be asked to restore .1171 mills for special education, allowing the COOR ISD to levy the maximum rate of .75 mills. The rollback, which is for five years, would generate an additional \$368,860 in its first year if approved by voters.

The Crawford AuSable School District would receive \$79,685 if the rollback was approved. The district has 18 severely handicapped students who attend the center programs operated by the COOR ISD in Roscommon. An additional 33 students are served by a COOR ISD social worker at the schools in the district.

## Bids approved for school upgrades

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable

School board approved bids for energy efficiency projects which will take place at three schools in the district.

The board approved bids totalling \$695,169 for projects planned at the Grayling High School, Grayling Middle School and Grayling Elementary School.

The bids were awarded to Tri-Valley Landscaping, Inc., H & B Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Commercial Control Systems, Inc. and Milltown Electric.

The lighting and heating system for the high school gymnasium will be upgraded, along with the replacement of heating units for the gym's locker rooms.

The heating system at the

middle school will be upgraded to make it more energy efficient, and heating units in the school's gym will also be refurbished.

Finally, heating controls and lighting at the elementary school will be upgraded.

The district will pay for the projects with funds from a \$1.9 million bond proposal, which was approved by voters last year to pay for energy conservation projects, school building improvements and buses.

"We are trying to save as much as we can, and the whole purpose of reinvesting in the schools is so that more dollars can be directed toward the students," said Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers.

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We are participating in the fishing contest. The official opening of the museum is May 23rd.





Little League officials Dale Metzger and Rich Schreiber roll cut sod and load it onto a tractor driven by Rob Aubry as Moe Enos primes the water pump for the sprinkler systems in the background.

## 1071st Maintenance Co. pitches in for Little League

Last Saturday was field clean up day at Millikin and McNamara Fields and members of the Michigan National Guard 1071st Maintenance Co. spent community service time constructing a new play structure for Grayling Little League.

Little League organizers received a grant for the "Swing and Slide Playground" through the North Central Michigan Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council (YAC) last spring, but the project had to be delayed until this baseball season. The new play structure replaces an old, broken structure and is much bigger and safer than what was there before. The purpose of the play

structure is to provide a safe place for younger siblings to play while their parents are at the ball fields watching their brothers and sisters "swing and slide" on the baseball field. Members of the 1071st Maintenance Co. helped demolish and remove the old system, as well as build the new system.

League officials spent the day working on fields and structures. Volunteers used a sod cutter on both fields to reshape the diamonds and clear the base paths.

"It was a labor-intensive project, but by the end of the day the fields looked great," said Rich Schreiber, the

Grayling Little League president.

A group of boys from Shawano Center also provided community service by working at the fields.

Next Saturday, April 28, the work crews will descend on McIsaac Field to get the softball field ready for the girls. On the to-do list will be to cut the sod, repair the fields, and work on structures such as dugouts, the concession stand and storage shed. Players, parents and coaches are encouraged to participate.

"These clean up days are very important to the league, and we need all the help we can get," said Ann Malm, vice pres-

ident for the Grayling Little League softball leagues. "Anyone interested in donating time or talent is encouraged to come to the fields at 10 a.m. and pitch in."

Players can still register to play during late registration this week at Sylvester's. Late registration penalties will apply. As of April 21, Little League has 218 players registered with 4 divisions of baseball, 4 divisions of softball and the T-ball division.

Little League Draft Night is Sunday, April 29, coaches will begin notifying their players right away and practices will begin on May 1. The season opens with games on May 14.

## Storm water retrofit project resumes

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Maple Street Bridge crossing the AuSable River will be closed as the City of Grayling's storm water runoff project resumes.

The bridge is scheduled to be closed between Monday, April 30 to Friday, May 4 so that contractors can install a vortech unit - a cement structure which filters trash, pollutants and sediments from the storm water before it flows into the AuSable River - next to the bridge.

Porath Contractors, Inc. of Houghton Lake installed vortech units off of Burton Court and in the Grayling City Park last fall.

Contractors in conjunction with city engineers and Grayling's Department of Public Works officials opted to delay placing two additional units by Ray's Canoeing & The Fly Factory and off of Maple Street near Borchers AuSable Canoe Livery and Bed and Breakfast until this spring due to the onset of win-

ter weather.

The City of Grayling received a \$758,000 grant through the state's Clean Michigan Initiative program, which is administered by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), to retrofit the storm water system. The city has matched the project with \$127,000, and dozens of conservation and angling groups have also donated funds for the initiative.

The purpose of the project is to reduce 80 percent of the storm water runoff entering the AuSable River from paved surfaces in the city. Storm water runoff, carrying oils and grease, sediment, trash, pesticides and other hazardous materials, is one of the primary sources of pollution in the watershed.

The Michigan Department of Transportation agreed to pay \$90,000 to install the two vortech units located off the I-75 Business Loop to treat storm water runoff from the state trunk line.

## Student injured in three-car crash

A Grayling High School student and son of a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy was severely injured after crashing into a delivery truck last week.

Crawford County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a three-car personal injury accident on Old 27 near the Grayling High School at 7:51 a.m. on Thursday, April 19.

Jason Alexander, the Crawford County Sheriff's Department's school liaison officer, said that Jacob Niederhouse, 16, a Grayling High School junior, was traveling northbound on Old 27 when he became distracted, crossed the centerline and collided with a delivery truck driven by Michael Pitts, 57, of Pinconning.

The collision caused Niederhouse's car to spin, which was then struck by a car driven by Sharon Paratchek, 36, of Kalkaska.

Niederhouse was trapped inside his vehicle, and his father, Conrad Niederhouse, a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy, was one of the first police officers on the scene.

Frederic Fire Department and

Grayling Fire Department firefighter and Mobile Medical Response EMTs extricated Jacob Niederhouse from his vehicle. He was then airlifted to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City by North Flight EMS.

Paratchek, who was transported to Mercy Hospital by MMR for chest and lower back pains, was treated and released the day of the accident.

Pitts, who was driving a truck delivering liquor and wine, refused any medical attention.

Jacob Niederhouse, who suffered a broken femur and internal injuries, was released from the hospital on Saturday.

The accident is still under investigation. Seat belts were worn, and alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

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## Otsego County appeals attorney fee ruling

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tices also said that the court had to pursue benefits through negotiations and bargaining with the county boards.

Ken Glasser, chairman of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, said officials there are disturbed since Crawford and Kalkaska counties backed out of the initial agreement to fund the benefits. Glasser also noted that Crawford County and its attorneys were sanctioned for advising the county to sue Otsego County for the fraud claim.

"They are on the hook for that

money (the attorney fees), and now we are on the hook, too, and there is not a citizen up here that is happy about that," Glasser said. "We tried to stay above the fight and this is just a travesty. It demonstrates how, in court, the only people who win are the attorneys."

Now, all three counties are waiting for a decision on who has to pay the attorney fees for the dispute.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said he understands the stance being taken by the Otsego County Board.

Kalkaska and Crawford County Commissioners, however, are hopeful that they will not have to pay for the attorney fees for the trial court's attorney since they were the prevailing parties in the legal battle.

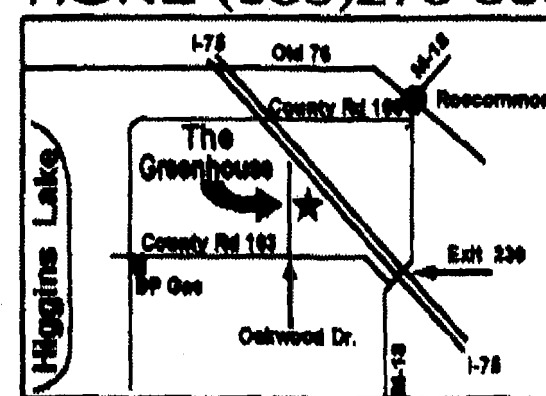
Stephenson added that it is disheartening that the dispute has went to this length and has taken this amount of time since the negotiations to pay for the court funding could have been solved by local officials.

"All this legal rambling is costing us nothing but money which we do not have," Stephenson said.

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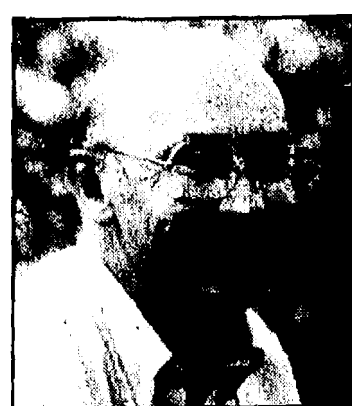
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## ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Editor's Note: This week's Crawford County Avalanche will not include an Almanack column. The Almanack is expected to return next week.

## EDITOR

### Make Michigan a great state again

To the editor:

Our state is in serious financial difficulty. That is a given. How we get out of it is the big question on everyone's mind.

I feel it is the responsibility of the legislators and the citizens of the state to take care of those who cannot take care of themselves. We have the responsibility to keep all the services for those in need at a level to provide for their care. It is easy to cut money from those programs because not many speak up in support of that group.

I work for Mercy Hospice. I have seen the benefits provided to those in their final days. I have seen the dedication of the staff to assist them in their journey. Cutting funds for them doesn't make sense. Let people stay in their homes. It's cheaper than putting them in a nursing home which usually ends up costing the state more money in the long run.

My husband works for Nokomis Challenge Center in Prudenville. I have seen the dedication of the employees helping and caring for the troubled young boys in the program. I have heard the success stories. Young men turned around to become productive, tax paying citizens of Michigan and examples for others to follow. Why would we as a state cut these programs? I heard there is a proposal to privatize these programs.

Based on current information after all the hidden costs are

added in, it will cost the state approximately \$25 more a day than is currently being spent. How much sense does that make? And private programs can choose who they want to take. Who takes those that don't fill the bill for private programs?

Why would we cut education? Smart, well-taught kids are the future of Michigan.

The solution seems so simple. The fairest way is to increase the sales tax. Those who have more and buy more... pay more, those who have less... pay less.

Is it smart to lay off more employees to save money, and then have those residents leave Michigan for other states because there are no jobs in Michigan for them? Doesn't make much sense to me.

It is time to start thinking of the future of Michigan and it will cost. We cannot expect those who can least afford it to continue taking the brunt of tax cuts. Michigan has cut until it is bleeding, actually hemorrhaging.

Please, I encourage you to take a serious look at an increase in sales tax and stop the cutting of essential services and education. Stand up and make the tough decisions needed to make Michigan a great state again. Put aside partisan politics and encourage others to follow your lead. *This letter was sent to our legislators.*

Sherry Haag  
Mercy Hospice Volunteer  
Coordinator/Grayling

### It's heartening to know the appreciation of the county's history

To the editor:

It is so heartening to read letters to the editor like the ones from Lloyd Crawford and Bob and Fay Bovee, to know that people are just as appreciative of the county's history and concerned about the Crawford County Museum as we are. We understand all the treasures it holds and want to preserve those treasures for the children.

The encouragement of the Crawfords and Bovees, and of those who have sent \$20 or other donations to the museum have spurred us on to work even hard-

er to make the museum a place that the county can be proud of. Many, many more "20's" are needed which will be put to good use for repair and restoration.

Visit the museum this season, and give us your opinion of what you see. We welcome ideas, participation and constructive criticism. Enjoy the exhibits and stroll through the courtyard to experience the museum firsthand. The museum belongs to you.

Priscilla Geyer  
Crawford County Museum  
Curator, Grayling

## VIEWPOINT

By Kirk Wakefield, Crawford County Sheriff

### An invitation to join the Sheriff's Association

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield invites the citizens of Crawford County to join his professional group, the Michigan Sheriff's Association. Individuals may join as citizen members, or can show their support of the sheriff through a business membership.

The Michigan Sheriff's Association (MSA) was created in 1877 and is the only organization that officially represents the office of sheriff. Throughout the year, MSA coordinates ongoing education and training programs for Sheriff Wakefield and his personnel including two annual multi-day training conferences, the New Sheriff's School, Train-the-Trainer programs for Marine and Snowmobile Safety Courses,

and enhanced training on other current law enforcement issues.

The Michigan Sheriff's Association is also the statewide coordinator of programs like Victim Services, the Sheriff's Memorial Assistance Response Team, and TRIAD. Victim Services Advocates are compassionate volunteers who provide comfort to crime victims and their families. TRIAD is a partnership between senior citizens and law enforcement to prevent crime. Both programs offer training throughout the year.

"I could not do my job as effectively as I do without the support of the Michigan Sheriff's Association," said Sheriff Wakefield.

Sheriff Wakefield adds,

"Everyday I am grateful for the Michigan Sheriff's Association. Whether it is a piece of legislation that makes the job of a law enforcement officer easier or training for my personnel on changes to the law, the staff of the Michigan Sheriff's Association are there to answer our questions and offer assistance."

Sheriff Wakefield hopes, however, that the letter he recently mailed to thousands of area homes will not be associated with the fraudulent telemarketing. The MSA never solicits funds by telephone.

"If a telemarketer says they are from the Michigan Sheriff's Association, you should know immediately that he or she is

lying," said MSA Executive Director Terrence L. Jungel. "Unfortunately, the efforts of a few hurt our legitimate attempts to support the sheriff."

If you receive a telemarketing call that you believe may be fraudulent, try to remember as much detail as possible, including the date and time of the call and who the caller claims to represent. Organizations with similar sounding names can often times be mistaken for one another.

For additional information or to make a complaint, Sheriff Wakefield recommends contacting the MSA at (800) 875-5500 or the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at (877) 765-8388.

## VIEWPOINT

By Sherry Haag, volunteer coordinator Mercy Hospice

### Help celebrate the contributions of volunteers

April 15-21 is National Volunteer Week and organizations across the country are celebrating the contributions of dedicated volunteers who embody caring and help make life better for others. Mercy Hospice is honoring hospice volunteers, who bring compassion and support to the lives of those facing a life-limiting illness.

Hospice volunteers are integral members of the dedicated teams of professionals who provide hospice and palliative care across our nation. Hospice volunteers bring companionship to people in the final months and weeks of life, respite to families and caregivers, and support in fund raising and administrative efforts by hospice

organizations. According to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, approximately 400,000 people actively volunteer in the nation's 4,100 hospice organizations annually, providing more than 16 million hours of service annually.

Here in the nine county area Mercy Hospice serves, more than 40 volunteers provide over 2,100 hours per year to help Mercy Hospice care for patients and families in our community. Many people become hospice volunteers after experiencing firsthand the compassionate care hospice provided to a dying loved one. It is federally mandated, under Medicare, that five percent of all

patient care hours be provided by trained volunteers. In fact, volunteers provide seven percent of patient care activities. This year, the Medicare Hospice Benefit is celebrating its 25th anniversary. More than 10 million Medicare beneficiaries have received compassionate, quality care at the end of life as a result of this valuable legislation.

Hospice volunteers play an indispensable role in enabling Mercy Hospice to offer the best care possible for patients living with life-limiting illness, their families and caregivers. By sharing their time, energy, and expertise, our volunteers bring compassion and caring to the lives of

those in need. We are grateful to our volunteers during National Volunteer Week and every week, and pleased that this celebration of volunteering allows us to remind everyone that hospice and palliative care is about how you live.

To salute those individuals who are an integral part of the hospice team, Mercy Hospice will join with Mercy Hospital on April 19 in honoring volunteers with a tea at Michelson Memorial Church. This tea will recognize the special contributions of hospice volunteers and hospital volunteers and publicly thank those who give so much to others throughout the year.

## VIEWPOINT

By Kirk Wakefield, Crawford County Sheriff

### Sheriff warns residents of late tax scam

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reminds taxpayers that are filing late for extensions to beware of a new scam on the Internet that lures taxpayers into filing tax information on a site masquerading as a member of the Free File Alliance.

"Con-artists are always looking for a way to cheat the public out of money," said Sheriff Kirk

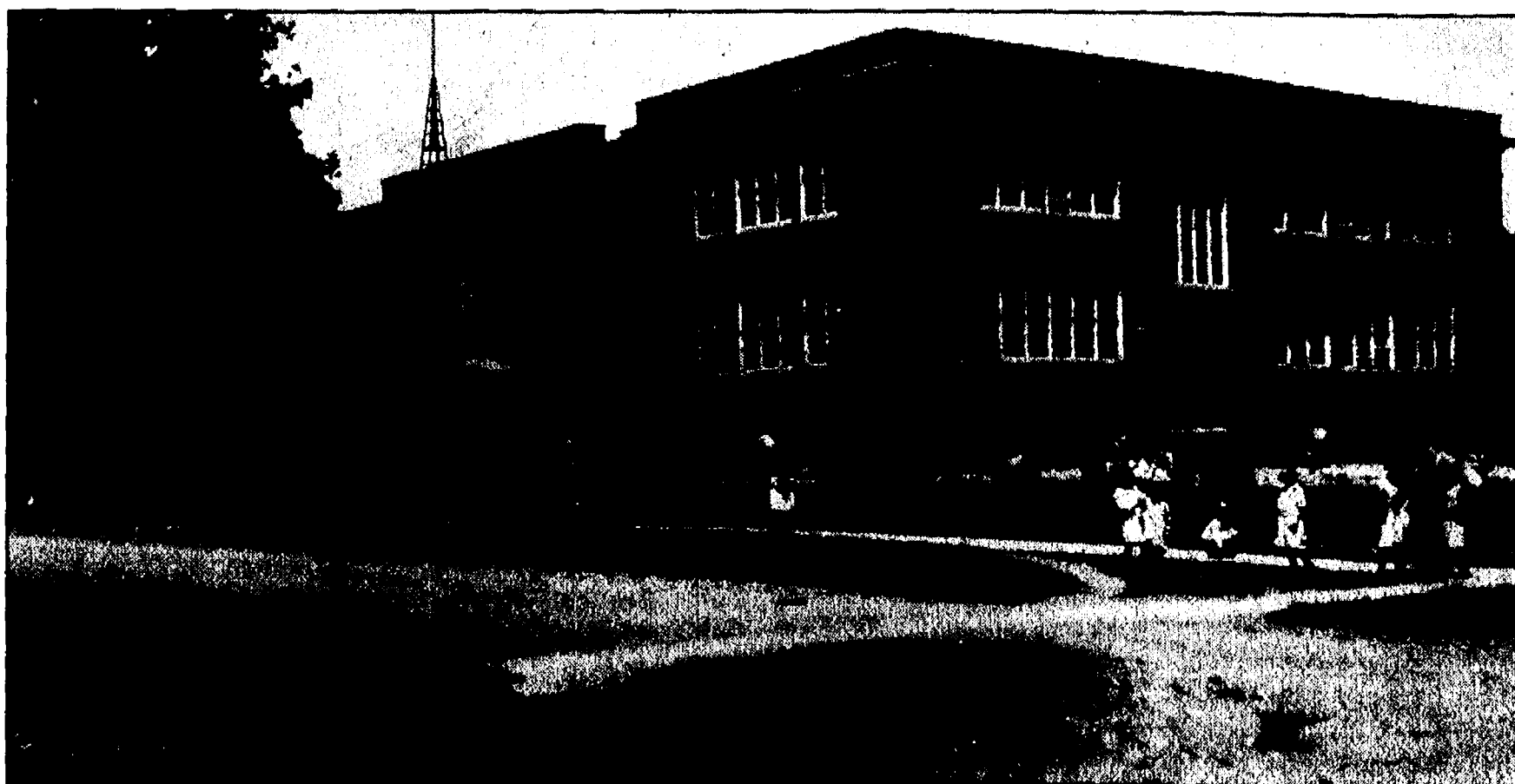
Wakefield. "While filing via the Internet saves times and often means quicker returns, taxpayers need to be aware that there are people out there who are trying to get your money."

The latest twist on tax scams involves tax preparation websites that inaccurately say they are part of the Free File Alliance, a partnership between 19 tax soft-

ware companies and the IRS. The IRS is working with the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to look into allegations that the websites accepted tax information from taxpayers, changed the taxpayers' bank account numbers to their own and then filed the return through a legitimate Free File partner.

Sheriff Wakefield encourages taxpayers looking for a free e-filing solution, to visit the official IRS website IRS.gov for more information. To qualify for free e-file, taxpayers need to have an adjusted gross income of less than \$52,000. The IRS estimates that 95 million out of the 136 million taxpayers meet this qualification.

## Historically Speaking



The above picture was taken when all the grades for the Grayling School district were in one building, which is now the Grayling Middle School. The south doors were for kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades, the north doors were for 3rd through 6th grades and the middle doors were for 7th through 12th grades. Shop, home economics and gym were on the lower level. There were playgrounds on each end of the building.

Submitted by  
Phyllis Bennett Bray  
East Lansing

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# BRIEFS

## Chamber to hold coffee hour

The Chamber Coffee Hour will be held at Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce on Friday, April 27, at 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. If interested in hosting a coffee hour, contact Kathy Thomas, office coordinator, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.

## Hanson Hills to hold meeting

The Orienteering Clinic will meet on Saturday, April 28. For more information, visit [www.hansonhills.org](http://www.hansonhills.org) or call (989) 348-9266.

## Healing service to be held

A healing service will be held on April 28, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., at the AuSable Primary School, 306 Plum St., Grayling (next to the library). The service will be hosted by Pastor Don and Shirley Gosik of the Grayling Valley Tabernacle Church of God.

## Farm Open House/Plow Day to be held

Wellington Farm Park will host its annual Spring Open House, on Saturday, April 28 beginning at 10 a.m. In addition to the open house, the farm will host a plow day. Spring plowing will be accomplished on both Wellington Farm fields and neighboring fields. Anyone with a tractor that would like to plow is invited to come. If you have a plow, please bring that also, if you don't, several will be available for use. Lunch is available. It is a free event. For information, visit the website at [www.wellingtonfarmpark.org](http://www.wellingtonfarmpark.org) or by calling 989-348-5187. Email questions to [howard@i2k.net](mailto:howard@i2k.net).

## Macomers to perform at dinner show

The AuSable Free Clinic, Inc., will present the Macomers to perform a Benefit Dinner show at the Grayling Holiday Inn, on April 26. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28.50. Call 348-7146 for information.

## Blood drive to be held

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the American Legion Hall, 106 James St., Grayling, on Wednesday, May 5, from 12 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. For information, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

## State Retirees to hold monthly meeting

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, May 1, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

## Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall garden club will meet Thursday, May 3, at 7 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. The program on Horticultural Therapy will be given by a member of the Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association. All are invited to attend. Call 348-8519 for information.

## Tee up at O'Mercy Classic

Sponsors and players are sought for Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary's Annual O'Mercy Classic at the beautiful Fox Run Country Club on Friday, June 15.

The Auxiliary organizes the annual fund raiser to support the hospital and its mission. The charity event also contributes toward ongoing growth and purchases of equipment and technology that help enhance high quality patient care.

"We are very proud of the contributions we are able to make to Mercy Hospital Grayling," said Bob Borak, of the Auxiliary. "We are successful because of the sponsors who every year show their support for the hospital and its key role in the community."

Sponsors will be honored at different levels, with a \$1,200 sponsor getting their name on the scoreboard as well as a team of four golfers, golf caps, a

lunch and dinner buffet, and recognition in Mercy publications. Sponsorship opportunities include:

Scoreboard Sponsor - \$1,200  
Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000  
Gold Sponsor - \$500  
Silver Sponsor - \$300  
Golf Cart Sponsor - \$100

Fox Run Country Club is located south of the hospital, off Four Mile Road. Participation is limited to the first 130 golfers in the two-person scramble, which will be followed by a dinner buffet. Contests in the tournament include a Hole-in-One on each par-3 hole, closest to the pin, and longest drive. A new car will be one of the prizes.

Cost is only \$80 per golfer, including dinner. To purchase a sponsorship or for more information, contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Scott Hoffer at (989) 348-0527. Sponsorships must be submitted by May 1.

## SKYWARN spotter talks

Each year, the National Weather Service in Gaylord presents Severe Weather Spotter Safety Courses across Northern and Eastern Upper Michigan. Spotter talks in Grayling will be held Thursday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Blvd. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The program provides details about how to become a weather spotter and how to make a complete report to the National Weather Service. Each person that attends is given severe weather handouts, an official laminated National Weather Service spotter card, and access to a special 800 number specifically designated for spotters. Last year over 600 people attended these talks, with many signing up to become official National Weather Service

Spotters.

If you are interested in storm spotting and severe weather, attend one of these informative presentations.

This year's National Weather Service talk lasts about 2 hours, and covers many important aspects to weather reporting and safety such as:

Thunderstorm ingredients, lightning and hail development, lightning safety, heat lightning, how do tornadoes form?, waterspouts, rip currents, National Weather Service warning criteria, what to report, wind scales and how to make a good wind estimate, important cloud formations to look for, clouds and look-a-likes...things that can fool you, storm viewing safety, and sources of weather information from the National Weather Service.

## Festival buttons for the 14th KWF now on sale

With the coming of spring, festival buttons for the upcoming Kirtland's Warbler Festival (KWF) are once again on sale as organizer's gear up for the annual event.

Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon will again host the KWF, now in its 14th year, on Saturday, May 19. Along with various nationally known nature presenters and field trips to see the endangered Kirtland's Warbler, there will also be horse-drawn wagon tours with wildlife biologists, live animal displays, a fishing pond and other youth activities, live entertainment and food.

Persons 15 years and older will be required to purchase a festival button to attend any of the festival events. Children 14 and under will be admitted free.

"Festival costs in almost every area have gone up," said Jim Enger, KWF Committee chairman and Kirtland's director of marketing. "We tried to defray some of these (costs) a couple of

years ago by charging only for the presentations, but this year we're asking everybody 15 and older who comes to the festival to purchase a button for \$5.

"It's still a terrific bargain considering all the activities available throughout the day," he added.

The KWF buttons will be available for \$5 at the college's main entrance the day of the festival. Or individuals may purchase their button in advance for just \$3 at various area chamber of commerce offices, as well as at the switchboard/receptionist desk at the college's Student Center.

The 2007 KWF button, designed by KCC art instructor Scott Rice, features a picture of three bears and Michigan's own Kirtland's Warbler against a background of evergreens.

For more information about the festival, including a full schedule of events, visit online at <http://warbler.kirtland.edu/or> call 989-275-5000, extension 242.



2007 Kirtland's Warbler Festival button

## Military Order of the Purple Heart to hold convention

On May 18 and 19, the Military Order of the Purple Heart will be having its department convention at the Holiday Inn in Grayling.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart invites all recipients of a Purple Heart Medal to attend and be recognized for their sacrifice for our country. They also invite recipients to accept a lifetime membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart at no cost if the Purple Heart Medal was received as a result of wounds

received in combat operations during Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

All other recipients from past conflicts will be asked to pay \$25 for a lifetime membership.

All active, inactive, reservists, and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States need to bring proof of having been awarded a Purple Heart Medal. A DD-214, DD-215, General Orders or a Letter of Transmittal determines eligibility.

## Meeting to review West Houghton Lake boating access

The Department of Natural Resources recreation officials will host a public meeting on Thursday, May 10, to present proposed improvements to the West Houghton Lake boating access site, scheduled to take place May through Nov. 2007.

The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Roscommon Township Hall, located at 8555 Knapp Rd. in Houghton Lake. It will consist of a brief presentation of the proposed improvements, and allow time for questions and comments.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for the meeting, should contact Troy Rife at 231-775-9727 or [rife@michigan.gov](mailto:rife@michigan.gov) a minimum of five business days before the

meeting. Requests made less than five business days before events may not be accommodated.

The DNR is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural resources for current and future generations.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for April 22 of \$25 each: Rene Collen (2), Marie Ketchmark, and Glenna Wheeler.

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To request weekday demand response services call dispatch @ 348-5409		Demand response service calls worked in between other runs	

**RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE TRIPS**  
Individuals requiring transportation to specialized medical services not locally available may qualify for free or reduced cost transportation services.  
Information regarding eligibility and transportation services can be obtained by contacting Joyce Deane at 348-4111.

## SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS \* : Scheduled For May 2007

**Trip #1**  
Tuesday, May 8, 2007  
Victories Casino, Petoskey  
Departing Center at 8:30 a.m.

**Trip #2**  
Tuesday, May 22, 2007  
"Out to Lunch Gang" West Branch  
Lunch and shopping at Outlet Mall.  
Departing the Center at 11:00 a.m.

Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging  
Contact Elouise Mize @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat  
\*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Julie @ 348-8215

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# The Bible Speaks

## Global Human Depravity

Total Human Depravity is a doctrinal term describing the unworthiness and inability of any human being to be acceptable or approved in the eyes of a Holy God. Total depravity does not mean a human being is as depraved as he could be. It does not mean a human being has no conscience before God. It does not mean a human being practices all sins as much as humanly possible. It does not mean human beings cannot perform what some might call "good" deeds.

Total Depravity means every part of every human being is depraved or corrupted by sin. Total Depravity means no human being can be or do anything to be pleasing or acceptable to God for eternal salvation. Last week we started our study of Romans 5:12-21 which illustrates our depravity by showing us that our sin nature was passed by Adam upon all human descendants. "12Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12).

We saw the first global result of such human depravity in the days of Noah when God destroyed the entire human race except for Noah's family. God said in Genesis 6:11-13: "11The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 13And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

Jesus prophesied that the human race would prove their total depravity again before His return: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." (Matthew 24:6). "And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet." (Mark 13:7). "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and

destroyed them all." (Luke 17:26).

God prophesied record of men's future refusal to repent of their sins even during the coming 7 great years of tribulation is proof of total depravity. "20And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk." (Revelation 9:20). "9And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. 10And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds." (Romans 16:9-11). Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ gives the only victory over human depravity. Pastor "B"

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 99 complaints the week of April 16 - April 22:

Thirteen general non-criminal complaints, one vehicle fire, one trees-brush-grass fire, one rescue call-fire, four delinquent minors, one runaways, four false alarm activations, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, one burglary-no forced entry-residence, five larcenies, one forgery/counterfeiting, four fraudulent activities, two damage to properties, one family offense/abuse/neglect, 11 public peace/disorderlies, three OUILS/UBALs, eight health and safeties, three miscellaneous criminal offenses, one miscellaneous arrest, eight traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, one inspections/investigations-property, two inspections/investigations-family, 16 inspections/investigations-suspicious, one lost and found property and two driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## OBITUARIES



**Marion S. Welsh**

June 4, 1920 - April 16, 2007  
Marion Selena Welsh, 86, of Grayling, passed away on April 16, 2007.

She was born on June 4, 1920, in Vassar, to James G. DuBois and Leah Kate (Truax) DuBois.

She was the second of five children and graduated from Vassar High School in 1938, and then from the Michigan Academy of Art in Saginaw in 1940.

She was married to Robert Schultz from 1941 to 1946. She married Thomas R. Welsh of Grayling, on November 10, 1949, a marriage that lasted 53 years, until his death on July 11, 2002.

She was very artistic from a young age, having designed and sent Christmas cards to family and friends for over 80 years.

She was a painter, quilter, basket weaver and designer of many personal and business projects.

She started a quilt at age 12, and after a lapse of 47 years, finished it in 1979, a project that launched over 45 quilts and 200 quilted wall hangings.

She helped stage quilt shows at the Ice House Quilt Shop, and was a founding member and first president of the AuSable Quilt Guild, formed in 1987.

She designed the logo for the Grayling Winter Sports Park, one of many designs that she incorporated in her award winning "Michigan Quilt," completed in honor of Michigan's 150th anniversary. The quilt was selected to hang in Meadowbrook Hall, Rochester, as part of its celebration of the state anniversary, was part of the Christmas Walk in 1987, and is now hanging at the Interpretive Center at Hartwick Pines State Park, as well as being immortalized on postcards throughout the state.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Grayling's Women's Club, Hospice and the "Bridge Club."

She was employed at Baringer's Men's Shop and later at the Grayling Mercantile, until her retirement.

She is survived by a son, Thomas II (Lynn) Akers of Bridgeport; daughter, Joanne (Frank) Doty of Traverse City; five grandchildren: Jennifer (Dave) Szmansky of Ann Arbor, Blair (Kendra) Doty of Traverse City, Erin (Adam) Mattens of Battle Creek, Megan Welsh and fiancée, (Daniel Burr) of Midland, and Colin Welsh of Bridgeport; great-grandchildren, Ella and Evan Szmansky of Ann Arbor; brother, Jim (Mary Lou) DuBois of Vassar; sister-in-laws, Jayne DuBois of Vassar and Nelle Maharg of Cass City; and many nieces, nephews and their families from Conn., Hawaii, Mich., and Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Betty Reed; brothers, Samuel "Buddy" DuBois and Leeds DuBois.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 27, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

A memorial service will take place on Saturday, April 28, at 11 a.m., at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice, Grayling, or Breast Cancer/Relay for Life.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com). Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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Lyssa and Jim  
Luann, Dave and Michelle  
Greg, Sarah and Ava  
Lori, Ray, Reed and Noah

## Valerie L. Johnston

March 31, 1937 - April 17, 2007

Valerie Lee (Val) Johnston, 70, of Grayling, passed away on April 17, 2007.

She was born in Flint, on March 31, 1937 to the late Donald Earl and Calla Myrtle (Richards) McLaren.

She married Elwood A. "Al" Johnston, on November 4, 1961, in Davison.

She moved to Grayling in 1995, coming from Davison.

Val was very active in the Davison United Methodist Church prior to moving to Grayling. She served on the Davison School Board for eight years and also was a board member of the Davison Senior Center.

She was the first female president of Kiwanis Clubs in Davison and Grayling.

Upon moving to Grayling, Val became involved in many community activities. At Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, she served as chairperson of the kitchen, co-chair of the worship committee and choir. She volunteered at the Crawford County Historical Society and Wellington Farm Park, and served on the board of Habitat for Humanity. She enjoyed the activities of the Red Hat Society and served as secretary/treasurer for Warbler's Hideaway Homeowner Association.

She is survived by her husband Al of 45 years; daughters, Jill Bethany (George) Claxton of Ypsilanti, Jayne Patrice (fiance, Robert Carey) Anderson of Grand Blanc; grandchildren: Joshua Everett and Kayla Bethany Claxton, Emilee Paige and Evan Boyd Anderson; sister, Avis (Larry) Hensley of Flint, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and special close friends.

A memorial service was held on Friday, April 20, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Grayling, with Dr. William Cargo officiating.

A memorial service was also held at Davison United Methodist Church in Davison, on Saturday April 21, with Rev. Thomas Wachterhauser and Dr. William Cargo officiating.

Family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, Kiwanis Club of Grayling or Davison, American Heart Association, or Leukemia Society.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com). Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

**BIRTHS**  
Barbie and Jason Hoesli of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Max Jeffrey, born at Mercy Hospital on April 5, 2007, at 11:40 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Michele L. Rapp of Grayling, announces the birth of a son, Jakcobray Robert, born at Mercy Hospital on April 13, 2007, weighing 9 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Meggan Frances McClintock of Grayling, announces the birth of a daughter, LillyAnn Alize, born at Mercy Hospital on April 10, 2007, weighing 6 lbs., 12.5 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

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**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
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Morning Worship... 11 am  
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Sunday School... 10 am  
Morning Service... 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)... 7 pm

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Krystin Scott, of Grayling and Roscommon, was inducted to PSI CHI National Honor Society at Michigan State University.



# Military officials field concerns on rocket firing

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some other way to do business," Brown said. "We're not forcing this on anybody."

Military officials planned to measure noise created by the firing and sonic booms created by the rockets at areas adjacent to ranges and at nearby horse farms.

Sharon Priebe, co-owner of Sugar Bush Hills, where she raises several Clydesdale horses, said her biggest concern was having a missile cause a wildfire.

"There is no conceivable way that you could evacuate all the animals out of there," Priebe said.

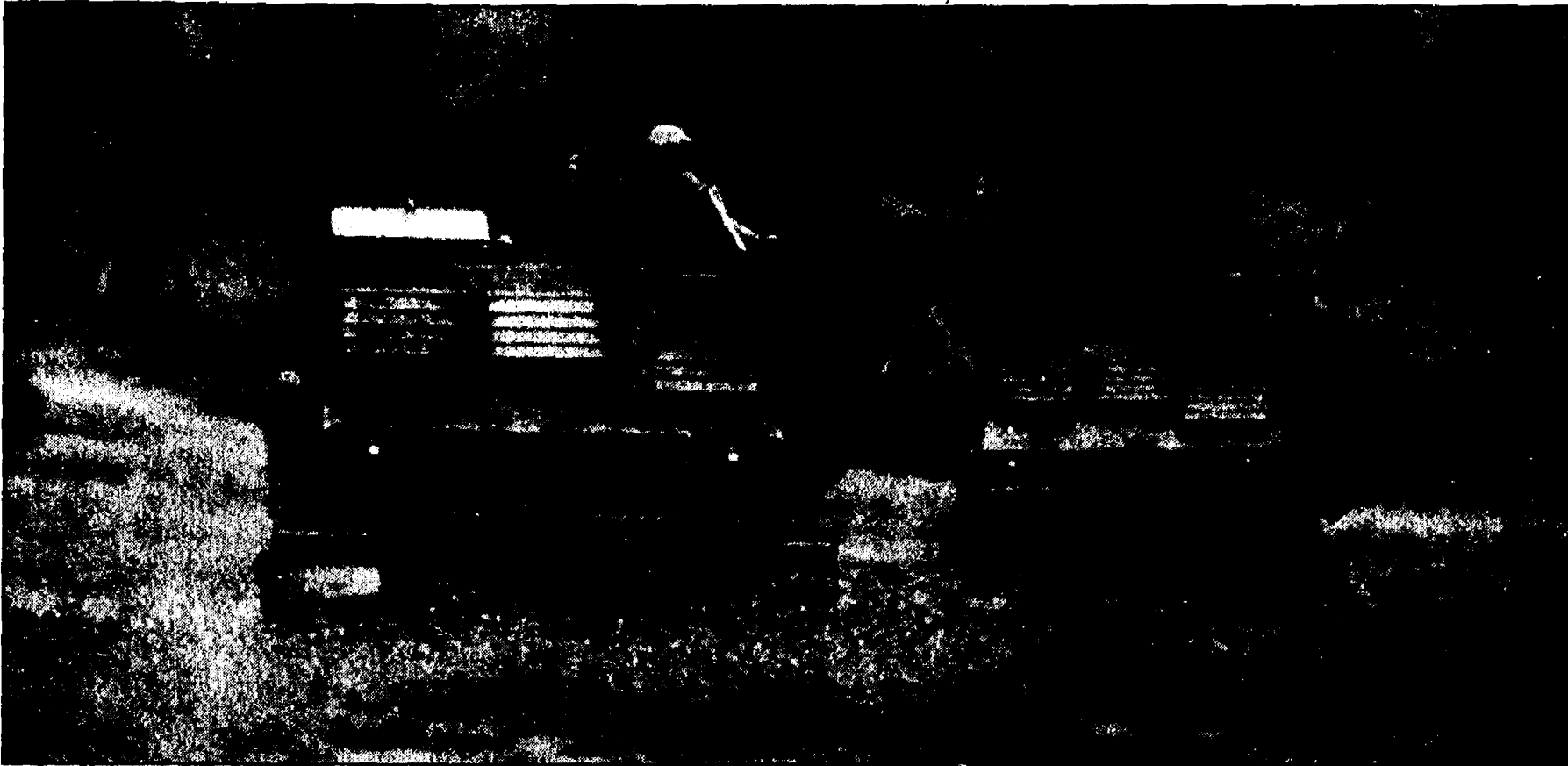
Military officials plan to pre-

burn the range firing and impact area to reduce the amount of fuel for a wildfire. Military firefighters would also be on locations when the missiles are being fired.

Brown met with Crawford County and Beaver Creek Township officials last week in hopes of addressing citizen concerns with the training proposal.

It could be up to two years before the range is utilized if the proposal is approved.

"It sounds like they are really trying to satisfy everybody's concerns because they don't want something to come up and bite them later on," said Lee Riley, the Beaver Creek Township supervisor.



Military officials have prepared a draft environmental assessment for a proposal that would allow troops to fire the Multiple Launch Rocket System on lands leased to the military through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

## Kirtland earns honor, grant for 'Chemistry Day'

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Elementary School in West Branch making the trip out to the college's main campus near Roscommon.

Over a period of about two hours, the young scientists worked with Kirtland instructors and students to complete a series of five experiments. This year, that included mixing up a batch of "mystery goo," making chalk and ice cream, and causing a chemical reaction to create enough carbon dioxide to fill a balloon.

"It gets kids interested in science and in coming out to Kirtland," Gipson said. "We hope to motivate kids to do more in the science field, as they go through middle and high school."

Gipson's efforts haven't gone unnoticed. Earlier this year, the 1998 graduate of Mio-AuSable High School received the Michigan Campus Compact's

"Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award" during a dinner ceremony in Livonia. She was nominated for the honor by Nicholas Holton, a math instructor at Kirtland and the college's service learning coordinator.

"Kristy's project is the centerpiece of the Science Department's goal to get area students excited about scientific and technical careers," Holton said in nominating Gipson. "(She's) above and beyond dedication to students of all ages and is to be commended."

Gipson said she was thrilled about the honor.

"I was more geeked about this than anyone I know," she said. "It was an honor to be recognized for the hard work I've done."

And the good news continues. The MCC in March awarded Kirtland a \$6,000 "Brighter Futures" grant to help expand

Chemistry Day to all sixth-grade students from area school districts that comprise the college's core service area in Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon counties. Part of the funding was used to help bring the Mio and Surline elementary students to the recent Chemistry Day festivities at KCC.

"We've only been doing this with Mio," she said. "We want to expand it."

Gipson said the cost of transporting the students and providing supplies for the experiments have hindered some schools from participating in the program. Now, thanks to the grant, Kirtland officials hope to soon be inviting more students out for a couple hours of scientific fun and exploration.

"We're going to try to hit one school per core area," Gipson added. "We usually do grades fourth through sixth, but that

depends on the school."

For more information on Kirtland's Community Service Learning programs, persons may contact Holton by calling 989-275-5000, extension 412, or via e-mail at holtonn@kirtland.edu. To contact Gipson about having a class participate in Chemistry Day, call extension 313 or e-mail gipsonk@kirtland.edu.

## Funding to fight forest fires is an issue for some state parks

by Justin Kroll  
Capitol News Service

With Michigan's forest fire season here, public land management agencies are preparing for dangerous months ahead.

With rising temperatures and lower humidity, April and May are prime times for forest fires, said Carol Nilsson, Huron-Manistee National Forest's fire information officer.

"The weather shouldn't be a factor, and it's actually a good thing that it is wet right now because all the moisture helps in preventing forest fires from occurring," Nilsson said. "A couple of weeks ago when the weather was warmer, we already had a couple of fires, small ones, but that shows how the weather right now will have little effect on this season's forest fires."

The agency is advertising in movie theaters and on placemats in restaurants, informing people that it's fire season and warning them to be especially careful, she said.

"We also have a national message going out that tells people what they should do to make sure a forest fire doesn't destroy their house in case they are in a high-risk area," said Nilsson, who is based in Cadillac.

"Last year during the fire that destroyed up to 6,000 acres at Hughes Lake, a couple of homes were saved because they had taken the proper precautions ahead of time."

Hughes Lake is in Oscoda County.

Lisa Klaus, the public affairs

agent at Ottawa National Forest in Ironwood, said the recent cooler, wetter weather hasn't stopped her staff from preparing for the fire season.

"This weather is just forestalling what is to come," Klaus said. "We're putting releases in newspapers and keeping people informed. We don't want people to become complacent."

Both forests are federal land and are funded through Congress. Therefore, the U.S. Forest Service doesn't worry about the state's budget crisis getting in the way of preventing fires, Nilsson said.

"We have a strong firefighting force and strong equipment," Nilsson said. "The local volunteer firefighters are a big help, too, because they are the ones that deal with the structural fires where we are only dealing with the forest fire."

Funding to fight forest fires is an issue for some state parks, said Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Director Rebecca Humphries.

That's not because the DNR staff is not properly trained but

because fire crews are, not as widely scattered throughout the state due to limited funds, she said.

"The state and these parks and forests are depending on our firefighters to get these fires as fast as possible," Humphries said. "Every minute counts when you're dealing with forest fires."

"This problem can become devastating for people because some of them may lose something like a cottage if we are unable to help them," Humphries said.

The timber industry, a \$9 billion industry in the state, suffers when trees are lost to fires.

"In some fires, depending on the severity, we could have a problem in rebuilding the whole area," Humphries said. "In this case, the community is hurt because they are losing something that is helping that community out economically."

She said Michigan has a mutual agreement with bordering states to provide help with putting out fires.

"We help them when they're in need and they help us when we're in need," Humphries said.

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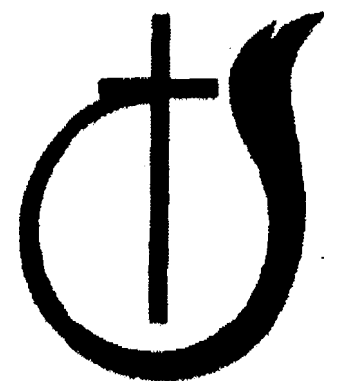
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## Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival



First row (left to right) Jacob Sopsak, Nicholas Wells, Elisabet Warsko, Shelby Pippin, Emily Wingard, Abigail Hatfield; second row: Richelle Grosskopf, Ashley Johnson, Rebecca Rappley, Peggy Curriston, Kristen Todoroff, Nick McDonald, Patrick Benardo and Natasha Kappers.

The Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, District 2, held their annual Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival, Saturday, April 21, 2007, at Kalkaska Middle School. Congratulations

to the following Grayling Middle School students for earning a first-division rating (or an "A" rating): Ashley Johnson (Bass Clarinet Solo), Nick Wells (French Horn Solo), Emily Wingard (Bassoon Solo), Nick

McDonald and Kristen Todoroff (Alto Saxophone Duet), Elisabet Warsko (Alto Saxophone Solo), Rebecca Rappley and Abigail Hatfield (Clarinet Duet).

Students earning a second-division rating (or a "B" rating) were

Natasha Kappers (Xylophone Solo), and Kristen Todoroff (Alto Saxophone Duet).

Their accompanist for this event was Donna Pettyjohn. Their band director is Matthew Bishop.

## Team International tests annual Pictionary Olympics

Thirteen teams representing area businesses and organizations took part in the 20th annual Pictionary Olympics on Friday.

The event, sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) and held at the Grayling Eagles Club, raises funds for GPA events and programs.

The Grayling Rotary Team #1 came in first place. Second went to Scott McNamara's Team #1. Third place went to a team representing J. Dap. Last place went

to Rotary Team #2.

Exchange students attending Grayling High School added an international flare to the Pictionary Olympics competi-

tion. There was no language barrier for Anders Larsen of Denmark, Victor Gonzales from Brazil and Janosch Kluge from Germany. The students were in

first place at the end of half time, then dropped to second and finally fourth place when they were stumped with the word "king-size bed."



Above, Team International sponsor Mike Shearer, Anders Larsen, Judge Monte Burmeister, one of the Pictionary Olympics judges, Victor Gonzales and Janosch Kluge, are pictured during a break in the event. Gonzales and Kluge are exchange students hosted by Shearer, while Larsen is staying with Carolyn and Todd DeWitt through the Grayling Rotary Club's foreign exchange student program.

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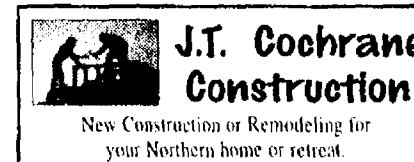
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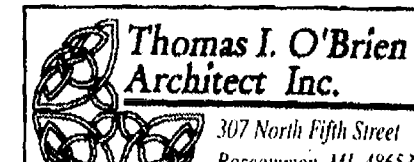
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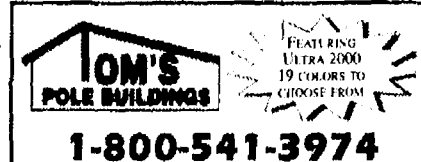
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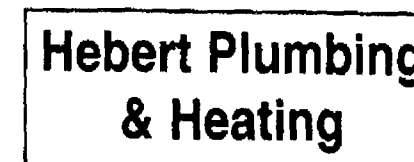
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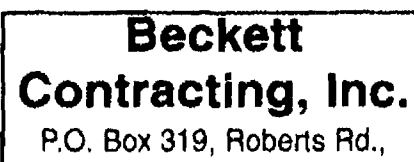


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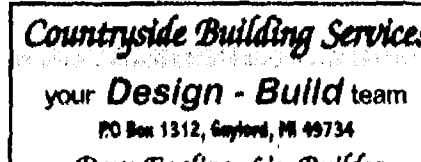
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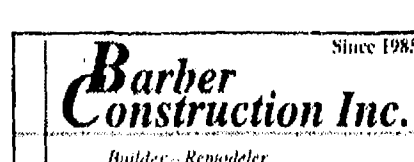
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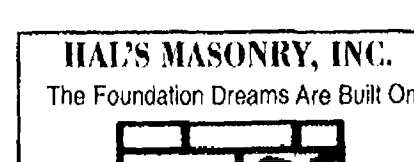
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## BLOOD DRIVES

The American Red Cross held a blood drive on March 6, at the Frederic Elementary School, with 30 donors attending. Gallon pins were awarded to: Esther Mullins received a six gallon pin; Thomas Brooks, a four gallon pin; and Nicole Owens, a two gallon pin. There were four first time donors: Joyce Connelly, Mark Kinaitis, Orthella Proctor and Marvin Smith.

Grayling High School held a blood drive on March 7. There were 54 donors. There were 22 first time donors: Aleksandr Avramenko, LeRoy Decker, Rachel Doremire, Katie Ferrigan, Adam Gabriel, Chet

Hardick, Jeffrey Harwood, Reid Holzbauer, Monique Kent, Amanda Lutz, Cody Malone, Brandon McMahon, Dennis Nelson, Lucas Pippin, Patricia Thomson, Isaac VanNuck, John Ventline, Nancy Wells, Michael Wesoloski, Abby Wheeler, Kari Wheeler and Jessica Witteman-Hoppe.

The next blood drive will be held on Wednesday, May 2, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, Grayling.

At all drives, donors are requested to bring a photo ID or their Red Cross donor card, be 17 years of age, weigh between 110 and 400 lbs., and be in good health.

## MILITARY NEWS

Camp Grayling and the Michigan National Guard are working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Aeronautics and the Army Corps of Engineers on four projects along M-93, north of Grayling.

The first is the development of a new civilian general aviation area at the northeast corner of the Grayling Army Air Field. The development of this site will enable Camp Grayling to segregate civilian and military aviation operations. The new general aviation area will consist of a general aviation terminal and T-hangar buildings. Projected completion of this project is September 30, 2008.

After the general aviation area clearing is complete, the new tracked vehicle trail route will be improved from the M-93/Old 27 intersection to the northwest side of the airfield near Pollack Bridge Road.

The third project is to clear an eighty (80) foot buffer along the Grayling Army Air Field fence line. This project is being coordi-

nated through the Army Corps of Engineers as this is on federal property. Aviation safety is the concern as shrubs and small trees can create a habitat for birds or small animals that can interfere with aviation activities. This is a standard safety practice at all airports.

Finally, a new access road has been cut off of Military Road, south of M-93, to Howe Road. Follow-up clearing and improving of this route will take place this spring and summer. This new route will help to decrease military traffic congestion on Military Road and M-93 during periods of high intensity military training. Eventually, this will become the new main access route for all military convoys into the main cantonment area of Camp Grayling.

With these changes, the Camp Grayling Post Commander, Colonel Dean W. Brown feels these developments will make a positive impact on future training, and potentially attract more military users of the installation and enhance the economic impact within the community.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of April 26 - May 2 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during April 26-27, April 30, and May 1-2.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, April 26-29 and May 2.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, April 26-27.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice

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## GPA travelogue season concludes with "America's Amazing Places"

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series will finish off the 34th season of the Travel and Adventure Series with "America's Amazing Places" on the big screen at the Rialto Theatre, downtown Grayling, on May 3.

Wild ducks in a pond in the lobby of a four star hotel? Amazing! A theatre organ that plays "Singing in the Rain" in the middle of one of the driest deserts in North America. Listening to the music of Moonlight Sonata played on a grand piano by a man who can neither read music nor play the piano and being surrounded by dozens of 35mm theatrical cameras. These are just some of the fascinating stories that Bob DeLoss tells during his latest film America's Amazing Places.

As DeLoss traveled across the country during the past two years, he had lots of time between shots and as Bob says, "why not take advantage of many of those locations." While visiting with sponsors, DeLoss became fascinated with the variety of travel stories that sponsors and patrons shared with him. He claims that "each sponsor and patron were truly an inspiration to do this film."

DeLoss spent two years traveling the United States collecting these fascinating stories. Nearly 30 hours of material was recorded and edited down to this 80-minute travel adventure program. Many of the locations are common tourist attractions. Others are so unique, audiences will only be able to see the material DeLoss has captured by viewing it on the travel cinema circuit. Some of the material has never been photographed and made available to the public.

A veteran of film work, this is DeLoss's first venture into E Cinema or electronic production. The presentation will be projected in digital format and is narrated live.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students, and are available at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce



Grayling Promotional Association's Travel and Adventure Series will travel to "America's Amazing Places" with live presenter Rick Howard, at the Rialto Theatre on Thursday, May 3.

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For more information on this performance, or a schedule for the upcoming series, call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

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## 4-H competition results at State Horse Jamboree

The E-Z Ranch Riders, an Otsego County 4-H club led by Devora Davis, just completed an exciting trip to the State Horse Jamboree in Lansing. They competed in the Horse Bowl quizzing competition taking 6th place in the state.

Horse Bowl quizzing is a team competition where two teams of four quizzers compete head-to-head answering questions ranging from horse care and tack to medical terminology and descriptions.

The E-Z Ranch Riders earned the right to compete at the State Finals by finishing in 3rd place in the Northern Regional competition held on March 17 in Petoskey. When the 2nd place team from Alpena withdrew

from the competition, the door was open for the E-Z Ranch Riders to compete.

Team members include Caresse Inman and Hillary Reichart of Gaylord, Savannah Kassuba of Vanderbilt, and team captain Whitney Wagner of Frederic. At regionals, placings for individual points during team competitions were as follows: Savannah Kassuba 3rd place, Whitney Wagner 7th place, and Caresse Inman 8th place. At the State Finals, Savannah Kassuba earned 10th place in points during the team competition. Lynn Wagner, Frederic, coached the team at the State Finals in the absence of their regular coach, Devora Davis.



Winning members of the E-Z Ranch Riders are (L to R) front row: Caresse Inman and Hillary Reichart; back row: Whitney Wagner and Savannah Kassuba.

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## Higgins Lake resident receives memorial scholarship

Kelly Pratt of Higgins Lake, one of nine cadets set to graduate Friday, April 27, as part of the Kirtland Regional Police Academy's 24th graduating class, recently got a little help in paying for the education and training he's received over the past 17 weeks.

Pratt, who was selected by his peers as the class speaker for the upcoming commencement ceremony, earlier in the 2007 winter semester was selected to receive the Carl L. Darling Jr. Memorial Scholarship, funded by the Kirtland Community College Foundation.

"It's a great thing," said 24-year-old Pratt. "It always feels good to be awarded for something."

The annual scholarship award goes to a student who has been accepted as a cadet in the KRPA, after successfully completing all prerequisites in Kirtland Community College's criminal justice pre-service program. Recipients often use the money for transportation, food, lodging and incidental expenses while attending the police academy.

"Every dime helps, definitely," Pratt said of receiving the \$250 scholarship. "It all helps."

The scholarship was established by the Kirtland Foundation in memory of Officer Carl Darling, a 1980 graduate of Kirtland's criminal justice program. Darling was shot to death in the line of duty by a hitchhiker to whom he had given a ride on May 3, 1986, while serving as a deputy in the Otsego County Sheriff's Department.

Thomas Grace, KRPA coordinator, said Pratt used his previous experience in the military to help not only himself, but his fellow cadets as well.

"Kelly Pratt has been an outstanding recruit," Grace said. "Upon learning (he has military experience), I asked that he assist his fellow recruits in areas such as uniform dress, marching, and proper procedures in addressing instructors and staff members in the early days of the academy. As the weeks have gone on, he has consistently demonstrated leadership qualities day to day."

"He has a way of putting a smile on the faces that need it



Thomas Grace (left), Kirtland Regional Police Academy coordinator, congratulates cadet Kelly Pratt of Higgins Lake, after Pratt was selected to receive the Carl L. Darling Jr. Memorial Scholarship for the winter 2007 semester. Pratt is one of nine cadets to be graduating on April 27, as the academy honors its 24th graduating class.

most just at the right time," Grace added of Pratt. "He has been a model recruit, and I am proud to have been a part of the early stages of his law enforcement training and career."

Pratt currently is employed by Higgins Lake Landscaping, but is looking forward to a new career in law enforcement. He and his wife, Brandi, have two children, 4-year-old Ethan and 1-year-old Ayden.

## Funding to fight forest fires is an issue for some state parks

by Justin Kroll  
Capitol News Service

With Michigan's forest fire season here, public land management agencies are preparing for dangerous months ahead.

With rising temperatures and lower humidity, April and May are prime times for forest fires, said Carol Nilsson, Huron-Manistee National Forest's fire information officer.

"The weather shouldn't be a factor, and it's actually a good thing that it is wet right now because all the moisture helps in preventing forest fires from occurring," Nilsson said. "A couple of weeks ago when the weather was warmer, we already had a couple of fires, small ones, but that shows how the weather right now will have little effect on this season's forest fires."

The agency is advertising in movie theaters and on place-mats in restaurants, informing people that it's fire season and

warning them to be especially careful, she said.

"We also have a national message going out that tells people what they should do to make sure a forest fire doesn't destroy their house in case they are in a high-risk area," said Nilsson, who is based in Cadillac.

"Last year during the fire that destroyed up to 6,000 acres at Hughes Lake, a couple of homes were saved because they had taken the proper precautions ahead of time."

Hughes Lake is in Oscoda County.

Lisa Klaus, the public affairs agent at Ottawa National Forest in Ironwood, said the recent cooler, wetter weather hasn't stopped her staff from preparing for the fire season.

"This weather is just forestalling what is to come," Klaus said. "We're putting releases in newspapers and keeping people informed. We don't want people

to become complacent."

Both forests are federal land and are funded through Congress. Therefore, the U.S. Forest Service doesn't worry about the state's budget crisis getting in the way of preventing fires, Nilsson said.

"We have a strong firefighting force and strong equipment," Nilsson said. "The local volunteer firefighters are a big help, too, because they are the ones that deal with the structural fires where we are only dealing with the forest fire."

Funding to fight forest fires is an issue for some state parks, said Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Director Rebecca Humphries.

That's not because the DNR staff is not properly trained but because fire crews are not as widely scattered throughout the state due to limited funds, she said.

"The state and these parks and forests are depending on

our firefighters to get these fires as fast as possible," Humphries said. "Every minute counts when you're dealing with forest fires."

"This problem can become devastating for people because some of them may lose something like a cottage if we are unable to help them," Humphries said.

The timber industry, a \$9 billion industry in the state, suffers when trees are lost to fires.

"In some fires, depending on the severity, we could have a problem in rebuilding the whole area," Humphries said. "In this case, the community is hurt because they are losing something that is helping that community out economically."

She said Michigan has a mutual agreement with bordering states to provide help with putting out fires.

"We help them when they're in need and they help us when we're in need," Humphries said.

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- How can we reduce the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere?
- How can developing countries

reverse deforestation and do more to protect the environment?

The answer is, by using more wood, both as a substitute for non-renewable material and as paper

products for printing, packaging and sanitation and, as a result, providing an economic incentive for countries around the world to grow more trees.

On the surface, it may seem logical that we can "save" forests by reducing wood consumption. But there are problems with this approach.

First, even if people stop using wood for fuel or building materials, they'll still need warmth, food and shelter. All the likely substitutes, including steel, concrete, plastics and fossil fuels are non-renewable and result in higher emissions of greenhouse gases. Reducing wood consumption automatically means

using more of these materials.

Second, much of the land that's used to grow trees could just as easily be cleared for farming or housing. Less demand for wood means less incentive to sustain vast forested areas, especially in developing countries.

There's a common misconception that per capita consumption of energy and resources is directly related to negative environmental impact. We're told that, because the average North American consumes 80 times as much as the average Bangladeshi, we cause 80 times the damage. But all one needs to do is travel to Bangladesh to see the impact of poverty on the environment. Forests are stripped bare for subsistence farming, rivers are fouled for lack of sewage treatment and wildlife is severely reduced through poaching. These people need more resources, not less.

It's ironic that so many environmental groups promote wood consumption. As a sensible environmentalist, I believe we should be planting more trees and using more wood - the world's most renewable resource while building upon and sharing everything we've learned about forest sustainability.

Dr. Patrick Moore has been a leader of the environment movement for more than 30 years. A co-founder of Greenpeace, he holds a Ph.D. in ecology and a BSc in forest biology. Questions can be sent to Patrick@SensibleEnvironmentalism.com.

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## State forest camping fees may jump in May

by Michael Carney  
Capitol News Service

Michigan's state forest system is in financial trouble and may impose higher camping fees to continue operating.

Campers in state forests - which generally have more rustic campgrounds than those in state parks - likely will see the cost increase in May from \$10 to at least \$15 a night.

The new fees have not been officially approved yet, but the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) "will be increasing some of them," said Rebecca Humphries, director of the department. It's her decision to make at a Natural Resources Commission meeting scheduled for May 10.

If she approves the increase, it would take effect May 14.

State forest camping fees were last increased in 2001.

Some campgrounds, such as those aimed at equestrian campers, would see costs double to \$20 a night.

Michigan is home to the largest state park and forest systems east of the Mississippi River, yet they

receive no general tax funds from the state.

There are 3,361 campsites in 143 state forest campgrounds, according to Mary Dettloff, public information officer for the department.

"State forests have been underfunded for some years now. Some are losing money," she said.

Timber sales and camping fees provide the funds for the forests, she added.

But timber sales in Michigan are low, so the forests have less money to operate on than in the past, Dettloff said.

"Loggers aren't cutting timber because the price they are getting is less than what they are paying to cut it," she said. "They aren't making any money." State park campground fees wouldn't change under the proposal. They

went up last year for the most popular parks, Dettloff said.

Fees went up for Petoskey, North and South Higgins Lake, Mitchell, and Holland state parks. At \$29 a night for a full hook-up site, those parks are among the most expensive.

Fees at the less-popular parks could climb later this year. "It might be something that is considered," said Dettloff.

Humphries warned that without an increase in the fees for camping at state parks, the DNR might need to close a park.

"Ultimately, we have an infrastructure that is, quite frankly, failing and we are faced with a situation where we may be forced to close a park," said Humphries.

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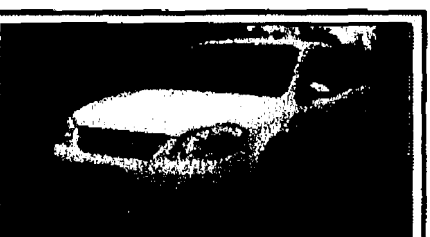
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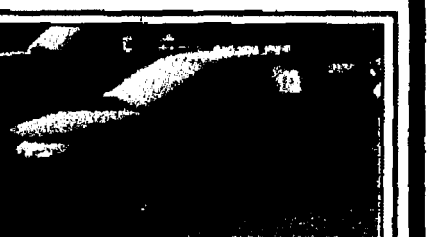
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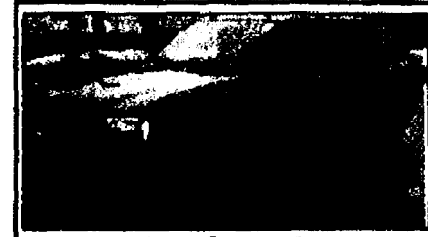
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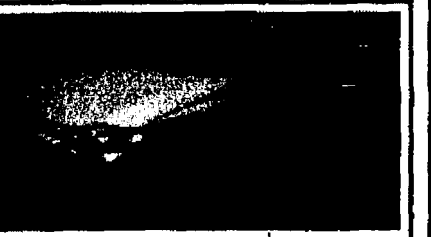
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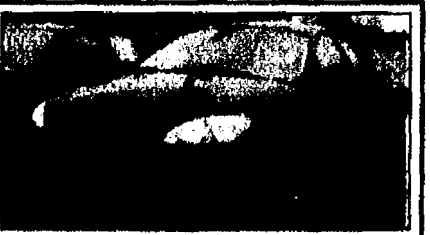
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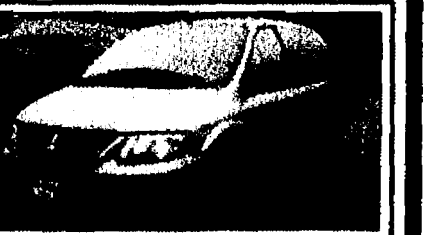
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## LIBRARY NEWS

As part of the Library of Michigan's scheduled 67-stop tour for the 2007 Michigan Notable Books' authors, the Friends of the Crawford County Libraries invites everyone to an evening with Anne-Marie Oomen on May 9.

Oomen is just one of 19 authors and illustrators participating in a statewide series of free presentations and book signings, with many taking place in northern Michigan.

The Michigan Notable Books list is the Library of Michigan's annual selection of recommended books that reflect the state's cultural heritage by highlighting Michigan people, places and events.

"The Friends are so pleased to be able to help bring one of these wonderful authors to Grayling," said Virginia Lyons, President of the local Friends group.

Oomen's "House of Fields: Memories of a Rural Education" (Wayne State University Press) will be featured during the event and is the current reading selection for the library's book club.

A review by the Library of Michigan states: "Drawing on ordinary moments from her childhood, with settings such as her family's farmhouse and the local schoolyard, the author employs a gentle touch and poetic details to tell a compelling coming-of-age story in rural Oceana County."

A. Manette Ansary, author of "Vinegar Hill" and "Limbo", states on Oomen's website: "In 'House of Fields', every moment is considered, consistent, built in the way that the old Dutch masters built their paintings: layer by layer, achieving, at last, a luminous warmth found only in glimpses during the course of our daily lives. And yet, in retrospect, this is exactly the light cast by what we remember—more complex than nostalgia, more shadowed, a bittersweet scar."

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m., May 9, at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling. Books will be available for purchase and signing, following a reading by the author and discussion. Refreshments will be served, compliments of the Friends.

"This is a great opportunity to meet one of Michigan's own notable authors," said Library Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson. "We hope to see many of you for a very enjoyable and special evening."

For more information about the event, call the library at 348-9214.

For a complete list of 2007 Michigan Notable Books and schedule of tour dates, visit www.michigan.gov/notable-books.



# Baseball team splits series with Kalkaska Blazers

## ■ Blazers win first game 8-5, Grayling takes game two 5-4 on Friday night

In the team's third doubleheader of the week, after having two series canceled due to poor weather in the first week of the season, Grayling High School's

varsity baseball team split with the visiting Kalkaska Blazers last Friday, losing game one 8-5 and winning game two 5-4.

"In the first game Richard Schreiber pitched outstanding, but again timely mistakes were the reason for the loss. The Vikings had one bad inning, giving up six unearned runs and

committing four errors, digging a hole they couldn't overcome. The final score of this game should have been 4-1 in our favor," Coach John Schneider said. "We really outplayed them in the other five innings, and out-hit them for the game."

Jacob Aubry was 2 for 3 in the game for GHS. Eric

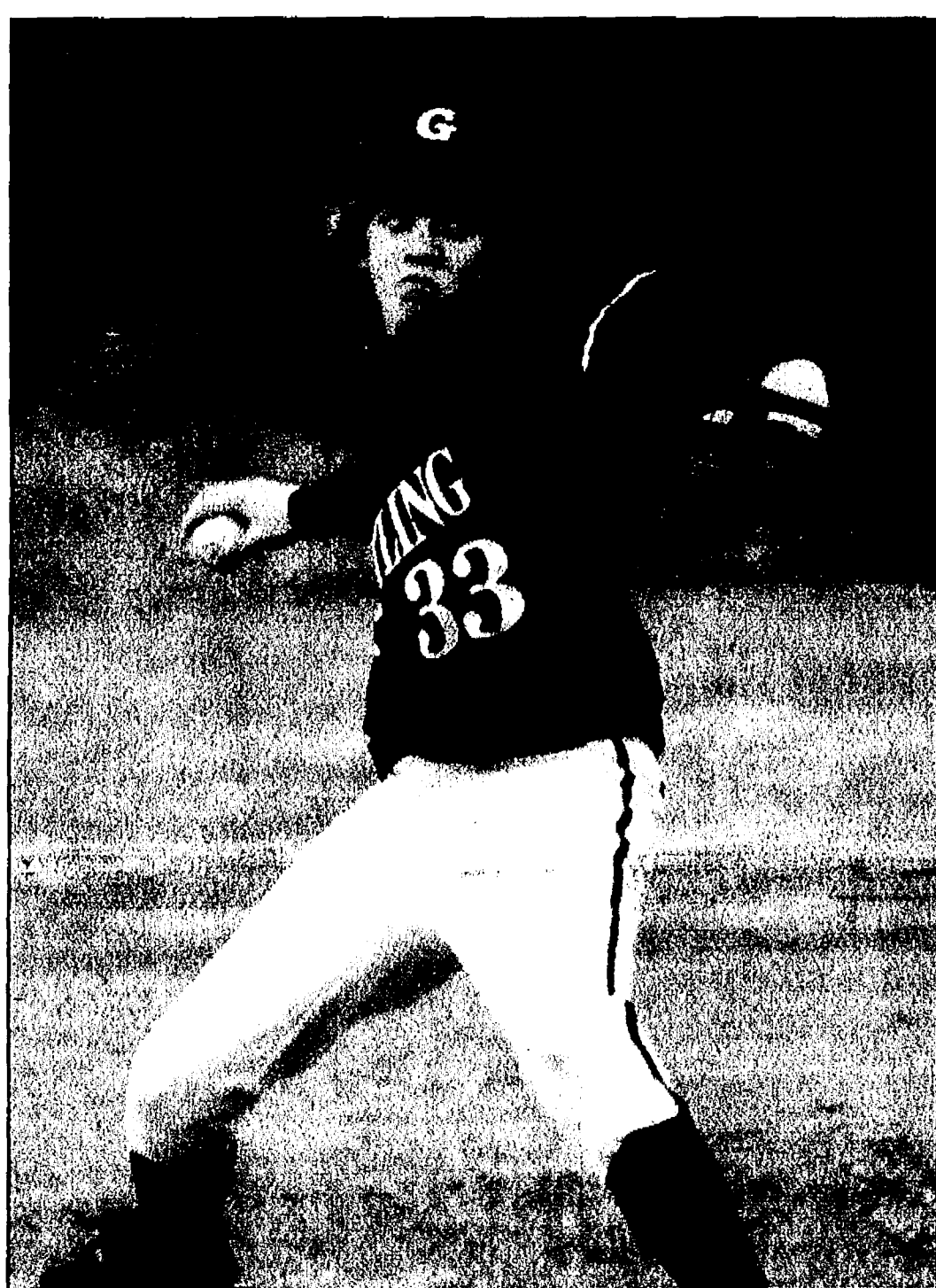
Ferrigan was 2 for 3 with a double and 2 RBI. Jordan Herrick, Schreiber, and Josh Stapleton also had hits for Grayling. On the mound, Schreiber had six strikeouts and allowed five hits.

In game two's 5-4 victory, Taylor DesEnfants was the starting pitcher for the Vikings, allowing five hits and striking

out four batters.

Stapleton was 2 for 2 with 1 RBI. Herrick, Ferrigan, Schreiber, and Rocky McNamara also had hits for the Vikings. Schreiber's single in the bottom of the fifth inning tied the game for the Vikings, **Continued on Page 4B**

See "BASEBALL..."



(Left) Richard Schreiber throws a pitch for the Vikings vs. Kalkaska on Friday. (Right) Taylor DesEnfants pitches for Grayling during last Tuesday's series against Elk Rapids.

## Trout season opens April 28

### ■ Seasons for pike, muskellunge, and walleye also begin this Saturday

Fishing seasons for trout, walleye, pike, and muskellunge open this weekend.

Trout season runs from the last Saturday in April - April 28 this year - to Sept. 30. Open season for walleye, pike, and muskellunge runs from April 28 to March 15 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

If the recent warm weather trend continues, anglers may be in for a decent opening weekend for fishing.

"As long as the weather holds out it should be a pretty good (trout) opener," said Jack Millikin of Skip's Sport Shop. "Weather means everything at this point. The opener should be fair to good for this time of year."

Millikin said water temperatures are normal for this time of year and water levels are a little low, which should help create favorable fishing conditions, but another late batch of snow or a rain storm could have a negative impact on fishing prospects early in the season.

As for walleye and pike, Millikin said the water in area lakes "is pretty chilly still. It depends on if we get a skim of ice, which can happen, but I don't think that'll be a problem this year."

With the water temperatures still low, fish are likely to be "a little slow and sluggish," he said.

A patient angler fishing in shallow depths or slow trolling would have the best chance for success, Millikin said.

## Track squad hosts 4-team meet to open 2007 season

### ■ Grayling's girls and boys teams place 3rd in meet vs. three LMC opponents

The GHS varsity boys and girls track teams hosted a four-team Lake Michigan

Conference meet last Monday, with Grayling finishing 3rd overall in both competitions.

The final team standings included: (boys) 1st, Kalkaska, 87 points; 2nd, Charlevoix, 79 points; 3rd, Grayling, 51 points; 4th, East Jordan, 23

points; (girls) 1st, Charlevoix, 80.5 points; 2nd, East Jordan, 52 points; 3rd, Grayling, 41.5 points; 4th, Kalkaska, 32.

Individual placements for Grayling's boys team:

3200-Meter Relay - 2nd, Moses Peters, Anders Larsen,

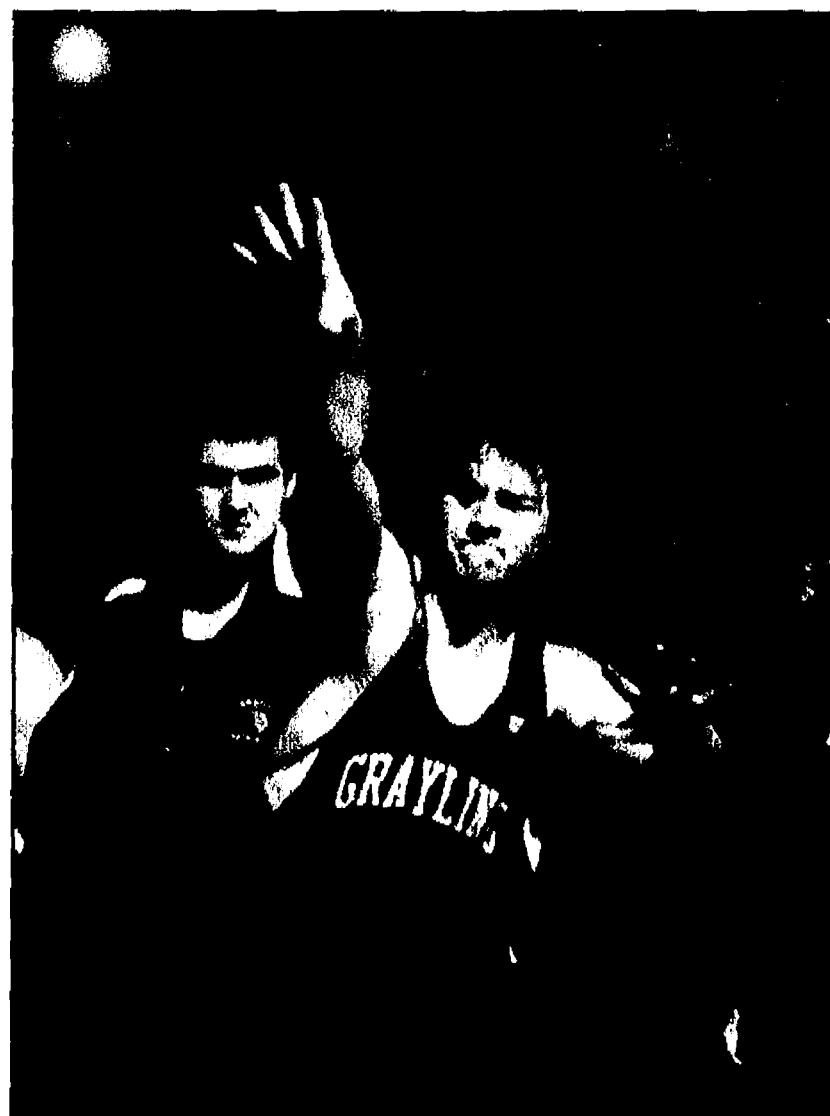
Brian Hagerman, and Jason Drudge (9:05);

110-Meter Hurdles - 2nd, Nick Parkinson (16.96);

100-Meter Dash - 5th, Tim VanNuck (11.82);

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See "TRACK SQUAD..."



(Left) Ryan Cooper runs in a relay race for Grayling on Monday. (Right) Dustin Schutt throws the shot put during last Monday's four-team track meet at Grayling High School.

## Varsity softball squad falls to Elks in season opener

### ■ Vikings lose 7-6, 13-7 at Elk Rapids in first doubleheader of 2007

In their first varsity softball doubleheader of the 2007 season, the Vikings of Grayling High School lost 7-6, 13-7 at Elk Rapids on Tuesday night.

Joni Bindschatel pitched for GHS in game one, allowing

three hits and four earned runs while striking out five batters. Leading hitters for Grayling were: Alyssa Lewis, 2 for 3, single, double, 2 RBI, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base; Monica Peters, 1 for 3, single, 1 run scored; Sam Schreiber, 1 for 3, home run; Joni Bindschatel, 1 for 2, single, walk.

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Joni Bindschatel pitches for the Grayling Vikings vs. Kalkaska on Friday night.



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## Track squad hosts 4-team meet to open season

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1600-Meter Run - 3rd, Drudge (4:41);  
 400-Meter Relay - 1st, Ryan Cooper, Parkinson, Janosch Kluge, and Isaac VanNuck (47.8);  
 400-Meter Dash - 4th, Matt McDonald (56.8);  
 300-Meter Hurdles - 3rd, Parkinson (46.2);  
 200-Meter Dash - 2nd, Cooper (24.46);  
 3200-Meter Run - 2nd, Peters (10:01.84);  
 1600-Meter Relay - 3rd, Cooper, McDonald, Brian Hagerman, and Drudge (3:51);

Shot Put - 3rd, Matt Letts (41' 5");  
 Discus - 1st, Letts, Robert Schultes (93' 1/2");  
 High Jump - 2nd, I. VanNuck (6' 0");  
 Long Jump - 4th, Brady Coe (16' 8").  
 "I was pleased with the effort our guys put forth today. We have had some training difficulties with spring break and snow on the ground, but my runners pushed themselves to the limit today. This is a decent starting point, and now we are looking for big improvements in each event," Coach Tim

Sanchez said.  
 Individual standings for the Vikings in the girls competition included:  
 High Jump - 2nd, Rachel Ward, 4' 10"; 5th, Annie Melroy (4' 0");  
 Long Jump - 4th, Mollie Goltick (13' 0");  
 100-Meter Hurdles - 3rd, Hailey McMahon (18.35);  
 100-Meter Dash - 1st, Brianna Kirk (13.65); 3rd, Melroy, 13.99;  
 800-Meter Relay - 1st, Jamie Hagerman, Angie Martella, Ward, and McMahon (1:55);  
 400-Meter Relay - 1st, Hagerman, Melroy, Martella, and

Ward (55.33);  
 300-Meter Hurdles - 3rd, McMahon (56.4);  
 800-Meter Run - 4th, Rachel Doremire (3:04);  
 200-Meter Dash - 2nd, Martella (27.85); 5th, McMahon (29.499).  
 "The girls had excellent performances by having Brianna Kirk win the 100-meter dash, Hagerman, Martella, Ward, and McMahon winning the 800-meter relay, and Hagerman, Melroy, Martella, and Ward winning the 400-meter relay against the top competitors in the conference," Coach Tim Gariglio said.



(Left) Brianna Kirk runs in a dash event for the Vikings on Monday. (Right) Rob Schultes throws the shot put.



Becky Hohl (left) throws the discus and Isaac VanNuck (right) competes in the high jump event on Monday.

## Soccer team starts year with game at Boyne City

The GHS varsity girls soccer team played its first game of the 2007 season last Monday at Boyne City, after the team's first two scheduled contests were canceled. Boyne won the match by a final score of 7-0.

"The girls worked very hard and never gave up. Boyne was able to put together some passes

and take advantage of every opportunity they had," Coach Craig Cobb said.

"As a team we are working on developing a better understanding of the game. We have a mix of athletes from those that have a lot of experience to those that have none. My goal with this season is that each athlete will really develop their passing and dribbling and awareness of what their role is on the field based on their position. Pretty general stuff; however, when we are successful at it the girls are really going to see a difference in how they play their games," Coach Cobb said.

On Friday, the Vikings played a scrimmage game vs. Traverse City St. Francis at GHS. TCSF won 3-0. (Due to a lack of referees, the teams played a scrimmage event in place of a full game.)

On Monday, April 30, the Vikings will host Harbor Springs at 5 p.m.



Amanda Moran takes a corner kick for GHS vs. TC.

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### Viking of the Week



**Girls Track**  
 Coach: Tim Gariglio  
**ANGIE MARTELLA**  
 Angie, a senior, helped lead Grayling's 400-meter and 800-meter relay teams to victory on Monday. She also placed 2nd in the 200-meter dash.

Wendy's

### Vikings of the Week



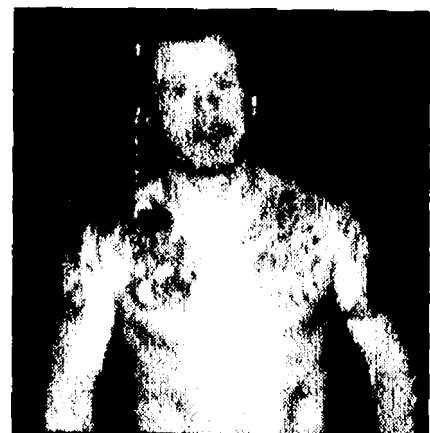
**Varsity Baseball**  
 Coach: John Schneider  
**JOSH STAPLETON & TAYLOR DESENFANTS**

Josh is batting .692 with 4 RBI and 8 runs scored after six games. He was 2 for 2 with 2 RBI in the team's 5-4 win over Kalkaska. Taylor, a freshman pitcher, struck out three and held the Blazers to five hits in Friday's victory. "Peanut, as known by teammates, was very composed and played like a senior on the mound and kept us in the game," his coach said.

## Local fighter still unbeaten

Paul Martin, a local full contact fighter, recently stayed unbeaten with a victory at a competition held in Bloomington, IN. Martin won the fight (155-pound division) with a first round TKO.

Martin's next fight is scheduled for April 28 in Grand Rapids. He will fight again on May 12 in Canton, OH. For ticket information, contact Martin at 989-350-2166.



Paul Martin





(Left) Shortstop Ashley Bindschatel throws to first base on Friday. (Center) Catcher Samantha Schreiber throws to second base during a steal attempt. (Right) Second baseman Cayla Johnson throws to first.

## Varsity softball squad falls to Elks in season opener

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In game two, Bindschatel struck out four and allowed six earned runs on nine hits. Leading hitters for GHS: Gabby Calkins, 2 for 4, 2 singles, 1 RBI, 1 stolen base; Peters, 1 for 4, double, RBI, 1 run scored; Ashley Bindschatel, 1 for 2, single, 1 RBI, sac fly, 1 run scored; Schreiber, 1 for 2, single, walk, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base; J. Bindschatel, 1 for 2, single, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen base; Cayla Johnson, 1 for 3, single; Candice Odden, 1 for 1, single.

"There are several girls playing positions for the first time and others getting their first look at varsity softball. Starting our season with league games is definitely not ideal. We would have liked to get some non-league action to make adjustments, but the weather didn't cooperate," Coach Keri Brock said. "Mentally we didn't get the job done. Elk Rapids scored 20 runs in the doubleheader and only 10 were earned. We were ahead in both games and let them slip away."

"We hit the ball hard but

seemed to find their defenders. Defensively, we were not sharp. Part of that is nerves, and part is inexperience. There's no substitute for game experience and as the girls get the reps their confidence should grow," Coach Brock said.

On Friday, the Vikings hosted the Kalkaska Blazers. Kalkaska won the series 20-3, 16-0.

Grayling's offensive leaders included: (game one) A. Bindschatel, 1 run scored; J. Bindschatel, walk, 1 run scored; Rachel Ward, walk, 1 run scored; (game two) A. Bindschatel, 1 for 1, single; Odden, 1 for 1, single, 1 stolen base; Ward, 1 for 1, single; Mackenzie Harwood, 1 for 1, single.

J. Bindschatel pitched game one and Schreiber pitched game two.

"We didn't give our defense opportunities to make plays. Twenty-one runners reached base on walks and 16 runs were scored on wild pitches or passed balls in the doubleheader. We beat ourselves tonight. There are no excuses," Coach Brock said.



Mackenzie Harwood bats for GHS vs. Kalkaska.

The team's first two scheduled doubleheaders of the 2007 season were canceled due to poor weather conditions.

"We play a well-prepared Boyne City team on Tuesday and an experienced Gaylord team on Thursday. The road doesn't get any easier. Right now our fight is

being tested and I'm looking forward to seeing how the girls respond," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings will host Gaylord at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 26. On Tuesday, May 1, Grayling will host East Jordan at 4:30 p.m.

## JV softball team opens season with games vs. Elks, Blazers

■ Vikings fall to Elk Rapids 13-9, 10-0 in season opener on Tuesday night

Grayling High School's junior varsity softball squad opened its 2007 season with losses to the Elk Rapids Elks (13-9, 10-0) in a doubleheader at GHS last Tuesday.

In the first game of the series, Erica Moggo had three hits for the Vikings. Moggo, Kelsey Neuberger, and Makenna Harwood scored two runs apiece. Harwood had a triple for GHS. Neuberger pitched the whole game, and finished with three walks and eight strikeouts.

In the second game Jessica Zarnick led the team with two hits. Nicole Metzger pitched three innings and Hannah Smith pitched one inning.

"My team consists of 13 girls. We are a young, inexperienced team with a lot of heart. We have five girls who have never played softball and two who played on the varsity team last year. We are learning the fundamentals of the game both on defense and offense," Coach Kim Johnston said. "I was proud of my girls today. They went in confident and fought hard the first game. The second game we couldn't get a rhythm going on offense. The infield did a great job not letting any balls get through and making the plays."

"The important thing is the girls never gave up and continually worked hard. They have shown great improvement in the first month of the season," Coach Johnston said.

On Friday night, the Vikings played at Kalkaska, with the



Nicole Metzger pitches for Grayling on Tuesday.

Blazers winning the series 2-0 (21-15, 17-2).

In game one of the doubleheader, Moggo and Neuberger had two hits apiece. Zarnick and Neuberger both scored three runs. Neuberger pitched the whole game and finished with three strikeouts.

"We started out the first inning really rough. Kalkaska scored 13 runs but my team came back with vengeance. We scored eight runs in the second inning and held Kalkaska to only eight runs in five innings. We were really hitting the ball well but our defense was struggling. We would stop the ball but we couldn't make the play," Coach Johnston said.

Smith had two hits for GHS in

game two. Zarnick and Neuberger scored Grayling's only runs. Neuberger pitched the first two innings, and Metzger pitched the last two innings.

"They held us to only two hits the second game. Hannah hit an awesome line drive between first and second for a double. We weren't consistent on either offense or defense. We would start to get our rhythm and lose it," Coach Johnston said.

"Each game we learn more and become stronger as a team. I told the girls when we can get our offense and defense working together we will be hard to beat," Coach Johnston said.

On Thursday, April 26, the Vikings will play at Gaylord at 4 p.m.

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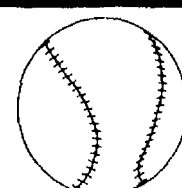
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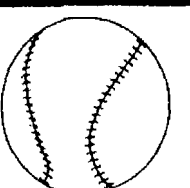
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#### GAME LOCATION:

Hanson Hills Recreation Area, Softball Field

#### BEGINNING DATE:

Monday, May 14th 2007

GAME TIME: 6:10 pm

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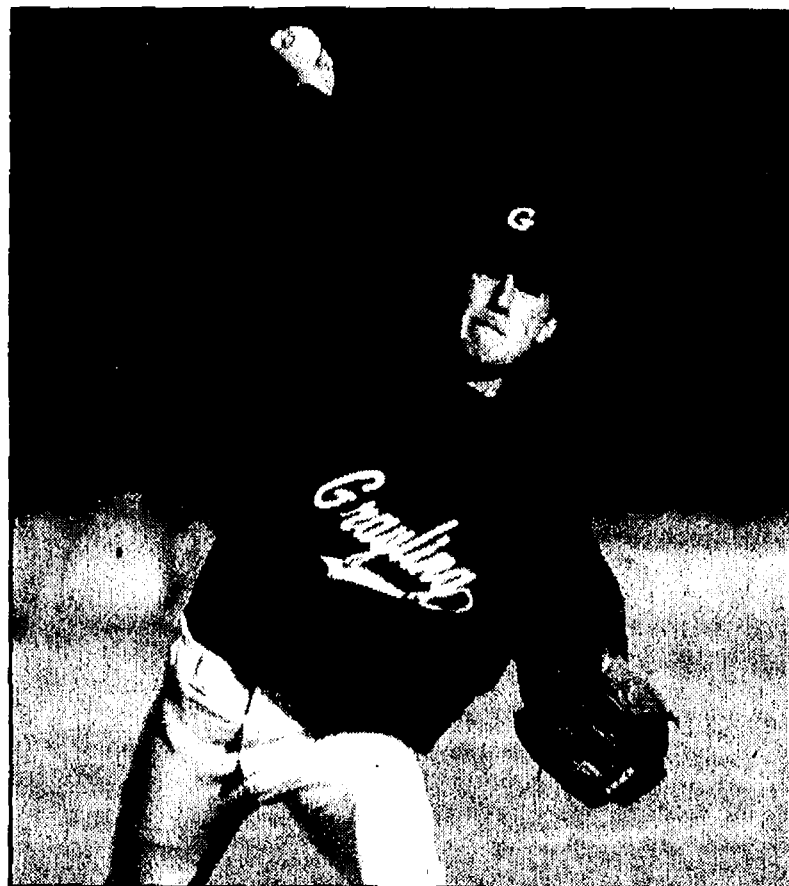
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(Left) Rocky McNamara bats for Grayling vs. Kalkaska on Friday. (Center) Mike Davis pitches against Cadillac on Monday. (Right) Josh Stapleton runs from third base to home plate vs. Cadillac.

## Baseball team splits series with Kalkaska Blazers

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and McNamara had the game-winning RBI on a single.

"We cut down on the errors and executed plays in the win. DesEnfants, as a freshman, looked like a senior on the mound. Jordan Herrick, coming in to face the last two batters with runners on second and third and one out, giving up two infield pop-ups to seal the victory was huge," Coach Schneider said.

On Tuesday, the Vikings hosted Elk Rapids. The Elks won both games (10-0, 10-3).

In game one, Grayling had only three hits. Stapleton had two of them, and Schreiber had one. Schreiber, in his 2007 pitching debut, scattered six hits and

struck out 10.

"Again, timely errors hurt," Coach Schneider said.

DesEnfants pitched for GHS in the second game of the series, allowing 11 hits and four earned runs.

"Like the first three games, errors plagued the Vikes. We did hit the ball the second game but it seemed they went right to them. They had 11 hits but six of them were seeing eye type. Taylor pitched very well for a freshman in his first varsity game," Coach Schneider said.

Schreiber and McNamara had hits for the Vikings in the contest.

In the team's season opener vs. Cadillac at GHS on Monday, Grayling lost both games of the series (16-6, 12-3). Doug Slater was the starting pitcher in game one and Stapleton pitched in relief.

"Doug pitched well (while) struggling with a bad ankle," Coach Schneider said.

Herrick pitched game two, allowing six hits and four earned runs.

"The reason for the loss can be contributed to one thing —

errors," Coach Schneider said. "We committed 11 errors in the doubleheader — six in the first and five in the second. No team can overcome that many mistakes."

"We have the makings of a good team. We are very young and are going to make some mistakes. We currently have seven underclassmen on the field for us with two of them having started last season. Schreiber has picked up where he left off last season on the mound and will be a force for weeks to come. Josh Stapleton has been hitting very well, batting .692 for the season. The Vikings will get last season's leading hitter back this week — Derek Etzler — after having served a suspension for violating school rules," Coach Schneider said.

Leading hitters for the Vikings through six games include: Stapleton, .692 (9/13), 4 RBI; McNamara, .462 (6/13), 4 RBI; Herrick, .400 (6/15), 3 RBI; Schreiber, .400 (4/10), 1 RBI; Aubry, .308 (4/13), 2 RBI; Ferrigan, .286 (4/14), 2 RBI.

The Vikings will host Gaylord at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 26.



Jordan Herrick bats for the Vikings on Monday.



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Liber 551, Page 274, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two and 16/100 Dollars (\$101,972.16) including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 30, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 10, Harbor Beach, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan,

according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 42 and 43, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 26, 2007  
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Attorneys For Servicer  
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### Maple Forest Township Zoning Board of Appeals to hold public hearing

The Maple Forest Township Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Tuesday, May 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the township hall to hear public comment on the following zoning request.

Case # ZBA 07-1  
Petitioner: Kevin and Demarys Mortenson  
Address: 2803 Babbitt Road  
Grayling, MI 49733

Property ID# 020-028-010-020-07  
Location: T28N, R3W, Sec 28  
Parcel Size: 10.10 acres  
Zoning: Farm Forest  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Parens and Tamara L. Parens, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2006, and recorded on March 2, 2006 in Liber 680 on Page 9, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six And 35/100 Dollars (\$214,446.35), including interest at 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 30, 2007. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Description No. 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; Thence North 1 degree 19 minutes 22 seconds East 1331.5 feet to the point of beginning; Thence North 1 degree 19 minutes 22 seconds East 494.39 feet; Thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 41 seconds West 164.49 feet; Thence North 0 degrees 23 minutes 53 seconds East 33 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 42 seconds West 408.57 feet; Thence South 1 degree

24 minutes 21 seconds West 2049.62 feet; Thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes East 778.02 feet; Thence North 1 degree 19 minutes 22 seconds East 373.2 feet; Thence North 1 degree 19 minutes 22 seconds East 373.5 feet; Thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes East 584 feet to point of beginning.

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 07-7268 DE  
Estate of John Paul Daniels  
Date of birth: 10/13/48  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, John Paul Daniels, who lived at 2011 Millpond, Grayling, Michigan died April 10, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James L. Daniels, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 4/18/07  
James L. Daniels  
5011 Ruby Dr.  
Gladwin, MI 48624

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 07-7234-DE  
Estate of Gordon Lee Holly  
Date of birth: 10/12/37  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Gordon Lee Holly, who lived at 11369 S. Oak Rd., Roscommon (Beaver Creek Township), Michigan died November 29, 2006.

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Date: April 13, 2007  
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### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 07-7269 DE  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

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South Branch Township Board



# LEGAL ACTION

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cynthia S Johnston and James H Johnston, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 8, 2004, and recorded on July 14, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 956, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand One Hundred Sixty And 18/100 Dollars (\$81,160.18), including interest at 6.91% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 16, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22 Town 26 North Range 2 West lying East of the County Road.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: April 12, 2007  
For more information, please call:  
FC S 248.593.1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #116495F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony S. Ellis and Lori L. Ellis, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 10, 2006, and recorded on March 17, 2006 in Liber 680 on Page 257, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for CSFB HEAT 2006-6 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Five And 50/100 Dollars (\$148,005.50), including interest at 6.74% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 30, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, and Lot 18, Ausable Trails, According to the Plat thereof, as Recorded in liber 1 of Plats, Page 59, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: April 26, 2007  
For more information, please call:  
FC D 248.593.1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #139428F01

-19-26-3-10

## MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Eric J. Felix

and Kelly V. Felix, husband and wife as joint tenants of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Long Beach Mortgage Company, A Corporation dated the 23rd day of November, A.D. 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of December, A.D. 2004, in Liber 672 of Crawford Records, on page 757, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$62,750.48 (sixty two thousand, seven hundred fifty dollars and forty eight cents) plus accrued interest at 7.25% (seven point two five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of May, A.D. 2007, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GRAYLING, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, VIS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH ? CORNER OF SECTION 14, T26N, R2W; THENCE S04°46'W, 660.54 FEET; THENCE N89°34'W 656 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING WEST 204.02 FEET; THENCE S04°48'49"W, 813.45 FEET TO THE CENTER OF WAKELEY BRIDGE ROAD; THENCE N65°42'W, 226.25 FEET; THENCE N1°32'30"E, 715.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as: 2248 Wakeley Bridge Rd.

Tax ID: 20-040-40-014-05-085-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 19, 2007

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S  
Troy, Michigan 48064  
WWR#05911006

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Catherine Belski, AKA Catherine A. Belski, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to State Farm Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated May 16, 2003, and recorded on May 28, 2003 in Liber 636 on Page 232, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six And 28/100 Dollars (\$87,556.28), including interest at 4.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of lot 62, River Forest Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 01 of plats, Page 72, Crawford County Records, Lying North of the meander line described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 62, thence North Easterly along the right-of-way of High Road 137.83 feet; thence South 22 degrees 45 minutes East, 536.9 feet; thence South 50 degrees 18 minutes West, 100 feet; thence North 24 degrees 09 minutes West, 480.4 feet to point of beginning. Being part of Lot 62, River Forest Subdivision. And that part of Lot 61, River Forest Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 01 of plats, page 72, Crawford County Records, lying North of the meander line described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 61, thence Northeasterly along the right-of-way of High Road 124.35 feet; thence South 19 degrees 50 minutes East, 527.0 feet; thence South 50 degrees 18 minutes West, 100 feet; thence North 22 degrees 45 minutes West 536.9 feet to point of beginning. Being part of Lot 61, River Forest Subdivision

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 5, 2007  
For more information, please call:  
FC F 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #136518F01

-5-12-19-26

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dorothy Fryer, a single person, original mortgagor(s), to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 7, 2003, and recorded on August 29, 2003 in Liber 649 on Page 548, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One And 41/100 Dollars (\$11,561.41), including interest at 6.1% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South half (S 1/2) of Lot 35 of McNamara's Valley No. 2, as per the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 5, 2007  
For more information, please call:  
FC S 248.593.1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #136837F01

-5-12-19-26

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

Dated: April 5, 2007  
For more information, please call:

## Annual School Election Notice

To All Qualified Electors Of Crawford County:

The Annual School Election will be held Tuesday, May 8, 2007 For The Purpose of Electing two Candidates to the Crawford AuSable School Board and renewing a school millage of 18 Mills for 3 years. As well as COOR Intermediate School District and Kirtland Community College candidates and proposals will be on the ballot.

The Polls Of Said Election Will Be Open at 7:00 A.M., And Will Remain Open Until 8:00 P.M. On Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

Two people will be elected to the Crawford AuSable School Board of Education for four (4) year terms ending in 2011. Any write-in candidate must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, April 27, 2007.

Voting Precinct Locations:

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election:

1. Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, MI 49738
2. Frederic, Maple Forest & Otsego Lake Twp's - Frederic Twp. Community Center, 7565 W. County Rd. 612, Frederic, MI 49733
3. Lovells Twp. Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738
4. Grayling Twp. Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738 (precincts 5 & 6 are vacated for 07 & 08)
7. Beaver Creek Twp. Community Center, 8888 S. Grayling, Rd., Grayling, MI 49738
8. Bear Lake Twp. Community Center, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd. Kalkaska, MI 49646

Sandra Moore, Crawford AuSable Election Coordinator

I, Joseph V. Wakeley, Treasurer of Crawford County, Michigan hereby certify that as of March 9, 2007 the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in the Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan is as follows:

By Crawford County: .75 mills for Public Transit, indefinite  
.50 mills for Commission on aging, indefinite  
.50 mills for Recreation, through 2020  
.90 mills for Public Safety, through 2009  
.45 mills for Library Operations, through 2011.

By Beaver Creek Township: None

By Frederic Township: 2.00 mills for Fire Protection, through 2008

By Grayling Township: None

By Lovells Township: 2.00 mills for Refuse, through 2020.

By Maple Forest Township: 1.00 mills for Fire Protection, through 2007

By the School District: No millage currently in effect

March 9, 2007 Joseph V. Wakeley

I, Gwendolyn Gehreke, Treasurer of Kalkaska County, Michigan hereby certify that as of March 14, 2007 the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in the Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan is as follows:

By Kalkaska County: .2500 mills for Public Transit  
.4988 mills for Commission on aging

By Bear Lake Township: .35 Rescue  
1.0 Fire .96760 Pumper

By the School District: None

March 14, 2007 Gwen Gehreke

## PUBLIC ACCURACY NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, May 8, 2007 Annual School Election has been scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at each of the following voting precinct locations in Crawford County, Grayling, MI:

Township	School Precinct #	Clerk
Grayling City Hall 1020 City Blvd. P.O. Box 549 Grayling, MI 49738	1	Michele Moshier 348-2131
Frederic & Maple Forest Twp. 7565 W. County Rd. 612 Frederic, MI 49733	2	Nancy Bindschatel 348-8778
Lovells Twp. 8405 Twin Bridge Rd. Grayling, MI 49738	3	Cheryl Hopp 348-9215
Grayling Twp. 2090 Viking Way P.O. Box 521 Grayling, MI 49738	4	Monica Ashton 348-4361
Beaver Creek Twp. 8888 S. Grayling Rd. Grayling, MI 49738	7	Sharon Hartman 275-8878
Bear Lake Twp. 198 E. Bear Lake Rd. Kalkaska, MI 49646	8	Carol Rosenberg 231-258-4871

Please call Clerk for determined date and time.

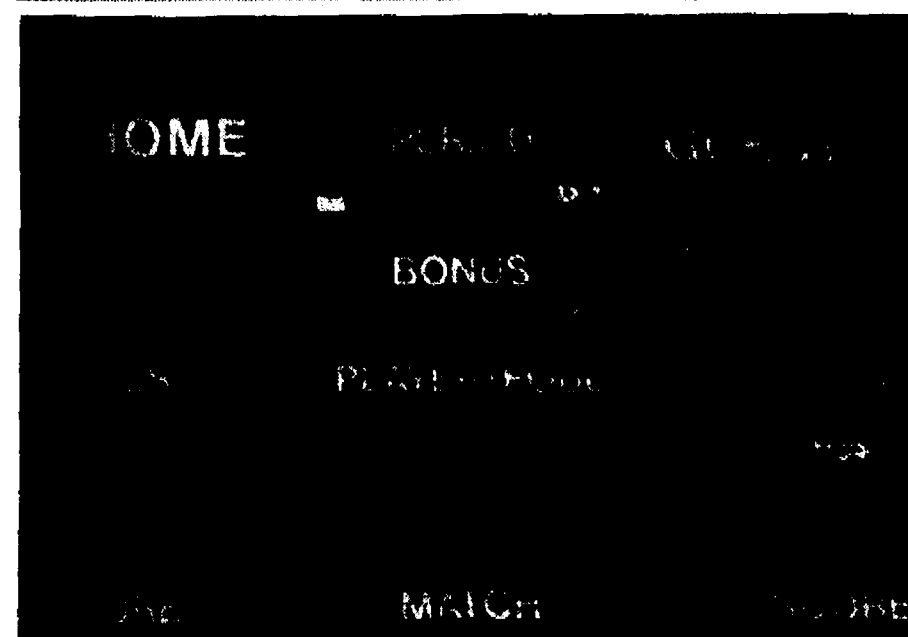
The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the election ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election, county the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sandra Moore  
Crawford County Clerk  
April 18, 2007



# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



**April 26, 1984 - Grayling Booster Club member Mike McNamara, presented a check for \$6,000 to GHS basketball coaches Tom Mills and Butch Hayes for two new scoreboards at the high school gym. The larger scoreboard is shown.**

**23 Years Ago  
April 26, 1984**

More than \$370 worth of goods were stolen from the San Sheri party store and restaurant along Old 27 south of Frederic on April 17. Entry was made by breaking through a window and sheriff deputies suspect the breaking and entering may be linked to several others which occurred in Otsego County the same night.

Camp Grayling Commander Ivan Gwilt has offered to head a group of area commissioners studying the possibility of building an incinerator to burn garbage. Gwilt stepped forward at a Northern Michigan

Association of Counties meeting April 16 when talk about a regional incinerator was becoming stalled due to lack of leadership.

The excellent accomplishments of the students at Grayling High School in their semi-annual Red Cross Blood Banks earned an invitation from the Wolverine Region Blood Service Advisory Committee for a student representative to come to their quarterly meeting at Hidden Valley in Gaylord to tell how students achieved their outstanding results. Tina Meldrum, honor student and member of the student council, was chosen to make

the presentation and Mike Wieland, faculty member who coordinates the student blood bank activities, accompanied her to the event.

Removing two Grayling dams and a stump pond were among ideas brought up at the first annual Trout Management meeting to improve conditions in the AuSable River for trout. "It's perplexing to me how a community so concerned with sewage, habitat, and greenbelt zoning for the river, can show such little concern for managing water temperature," said Gary Schnicke, DNR fisheries biologist from Mio.

**46 Years Ago  
April 27, 1961**

Approximately 250 suckers were taken from the AuSable River over the weekend by the archers shooting in the sucker shoot put on by the Grayling Bowhunters Club. Stan Madsen with his last sucker of the day took the grand prize for both days with a four lb. fish. Kip Papendick won the Saturday biggest fish prize with a 3 3/4 lb. sucker.

Gail Lucksted and Bill File of Grayling High School have been invited to represent their school at the Facit Accuracy Contest in Typing "Regional Tournament". Having already received a handsome medal as a class champion, they were selected to compete in the regional as two of the 500 top typists in the nation.

The building housing the Plaza Bar and the H & L Distributors

located on Cedar Street, is being refaced. The lower brick work will be done by Batch Anderson and the upper fiberglass siding will be installed by Don Denton.

**69 Years Ago  
April 28, 1938**

It has long been the hope that eventually Grayling would become an air mail stopping place, and now it looks quite assured. Last week Postmaster James McDonnell, Attorney Charles E. Moore, Mayor George Burke, and Dr. J. F. Cook, all of Grayling, attended the aeronautic conference in Lansing, and there presented the advantages to be had at Grayling airport for an air mail stop, in the route laid out from Detroit to Sault Ste. Marie and return.

Albert Madill and family have moved into their new home north of Frederic on the main stream of the AuSable River. Their electric lights come from their plant located near the river.

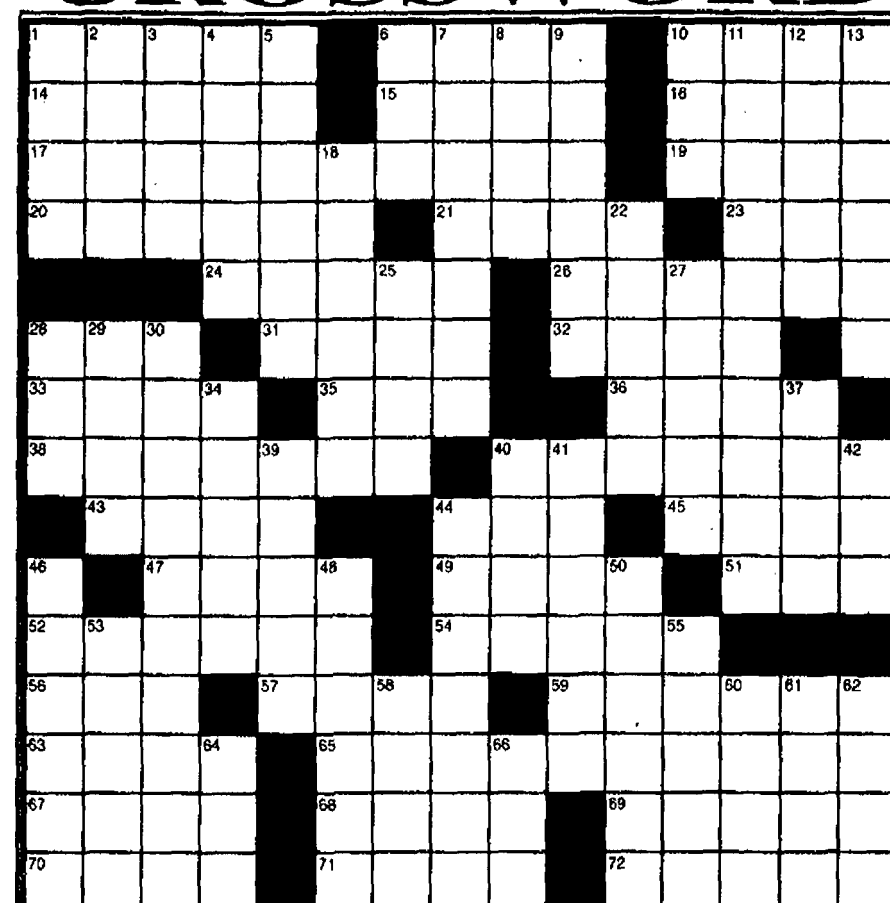
**92 Years Ago  
April 29, 1915**

Forty-three contracting builders were in the city to attend the opening of the sealed bids for the construction of our new school building.

About May 1, R. Hanson & Sons will start a camp seven miles west of Tower, where they will get out 7,000,000 feet of hardwood logs.

William Lovelace will have charge of the operation.

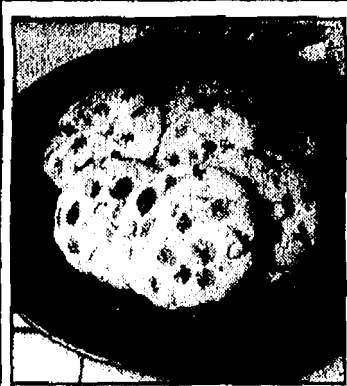
## CROSSWORD



- Across
- Gadget.
  - Period of greatest intensity of any symptom.
  - Former constellation in the southern hemisphere between Carls Major and the Southern Cross.
  - Bring something unpleasant upon oneself.
  - Baker, author.
  - Never.
  - Self-contained.
  - Past tense and participle of speed.
  - Colored slightly.
  - Active struggles between competing entities.
  - Pattern of behavior acquired through frequent repetition.
  - Having feet adapted for swimming.
  - Speak about unimportant incessantly.
  - District in the country of Nauru.
  - Conforming in every respect.
  - One of the North Isles of Shetland, Scotland.
  - Recline in a relaxed manner.
  - Federal law-enforcement officer.
  - Inner embryonic membrane of higher vertebrates covering the head at birth.
  - Acronym for Art Design Admissions Registry.
  - Negative.
  - Pertaining to reign.
  - R.E.M.'s second single release from the Up album.
  - Division of geologic time smaller than an eon but larger than a period.
  - Temporal end.
  - Catching sight of something.
  - Plug used to close a hole in a barrel.
  - Lively, whirling Italian dance for two.
  - Upswept hairdo.
  - Series of events suitable for treatment in epic poetry.
  - Greek epic poem describing the siege of Troy.
  - Short, straight stick of wood.
  - Small flaps in a stage floor providing access to electrical sockets and other connections.
  - Southern European aromatic herb.
- Down
- Choldest part of some idea.
  - Patron deity of Tahuaninsuyu.
  - Examine hastily.
  - Fabric made from felted woolen rags.
  - Trying experience.
  - Federation of North American labor unions that merged with the Congress of Industrial Organizations.
  - Overfilled.
  - Generalized supernatural force, which may be concentrated in objects.
  - Healthy capacity for vigorous activity.
  - Part of the nervous system of vertebrates that controls involuntary actions of the smooth muscles, heart and glands.
  - River on the high plains of eastern Colorado.
  - The ... and the Ghost, debut solo album from former Genesis guitarist Anthony Phillips.
  - Commands given by a superior officer that must be obeyed.
  - Off course.
  - Examine in order to test suitability.
  - Supplements with great effort.
  - Fictional location in the Wildstorm comics multiverse.
  - Hill range in the Helmsstedt and Wolfenbützel districts of Lower Saxony, Germany.
  - Fabric made from the hair of sheep.
  - Gradually decreasing in tempo and broadening in manner.
  - Richard Alexander ... former field hockey player.
  - Cord that is drawn around hooks in order to bring together two edges.
  - One of the green parts that form a flower's calyx.
  - Accolade.
  - Put things in order.
  - Ketrel, author.
  - Device with four metal points arranged so that one points upward as a hazard.
  - Son of Chaos.
  - In high spirits.
  - Characteristic of rural life.
  - Release suddenly and often violently.
  - Period of indeterminate length marked by some action.
  - Acronym for Speech Application Programming Interface.
  - Plural of ium.
  - Of the wing.
  - Woman of refinement.
  - Sailor.
  - Longhaired horse-like animal.

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## Raisin and Pine Nut Cookies

- 1/3 cup golden raisins
- 1/3 cup California apricots, chopped
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup extra light olive oil
- 2 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon lightly packed lemon zest

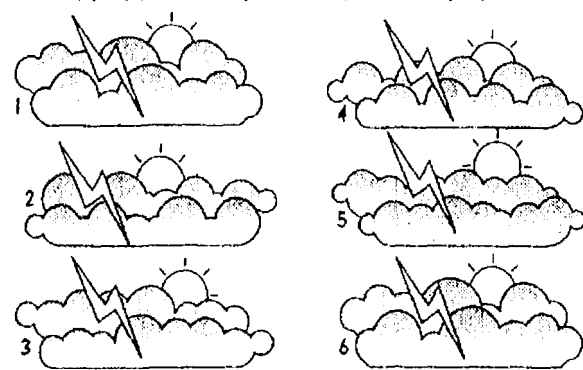
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh rosemary (optional)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup pine nuts

Combine raisins and apricots with 1 tablespoon water in a microwave-safe dish. Cover and heat on high 1 minute. Let stand covered while preparing dough. Stir sugar, olive oil, egg whites, zest and rosemary in a medium bowl, stirring vigorously until well blended. Mix flour, baking powder and soda in a small bowl. Add half the flour to sugar mixture; stir until completely combined. Gradually add half of the remaining flour, stirring until combined. Stir or knead in remaining flour to make stiff dough. Mix in raisins and apricots (including any liquid) and pine nuts. Shape dough into a cylinder about 2x12 inches. Wrap in plastic and freeze several hours until firm, or up to 1 month. Preheat oven to 375F. Using a sharp knife, cut frozen dough into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Place on parchment-lined or ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 10-11 minutes until golden brown on edges. Transfer cookies immediately to wire rack to cool.

Makes 4 dozen



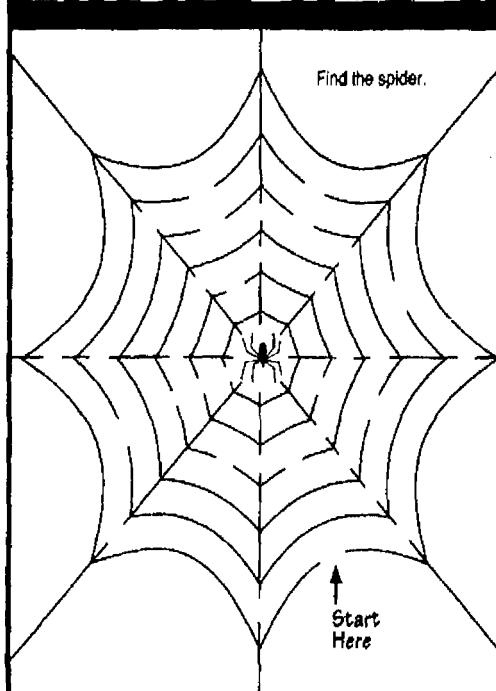
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## DID YOU KNOW ??

Grayling is a freshwater fish from the salmon family. They range in types from the arctic grayling to the East Syberian grayling.

## MAZE



## HOROSCOPES

For the week of April 26, 2007



December 22-January 19

One word is all that stands between you and a coworker. Swallow your pride, Capricorn, and say you're sorry. You don't want to create tension at work.



March 21-April 19

It isn't much, Aries, but it is all you have to offer at the present time. Don't worry. You will have more to put on the table later when you receive information.



June 22-July 22

Ineptitude is just the tip of the iceberg regarding a matter at work. You need not worry, Cancer. Someone in authority is well aware of the problem and will be resolving it soon.



September 23-October 22

Really, Libra. The level of skill required for a new project is beyond you. Admit it and give the reins to someone more qualified. You will be rewarded for your honesty.



January 20-February 18

What are you doing, Aquarius? Crying over spilled milk is not your style. Buck up and move forward. A package from an acquaintance puts you on cloud nine.



April 20-May 20

Risky, risky, Taurus. Everything you do appears to be fraught with risk. Charge ahead, and payoffs will come in good time. An e-mail begs a question.



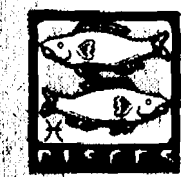
July 23-August 22

Promises, promises, Leo. It will seem like every promise you make this week you'll have to break because of some other obligation. Relax. Your friends will understand.



October 23-November 21

What are you waiting for, Scorpio? Two shakes of a lamb's tail are all it will take for you to fix an error and speed up the pace. Got a neighbor makes a small request.



February 19-March 20

C'mon, Pisces. The strings between you and a loved one are tenuous at best. Now is the time to work on that. Wait too much longer, and it will be too late.



May 21-June 21

Lack of funding causes you to rethink a home improvement plan. There is another less expensive way, Gemini. A drama plays out at work.



August 23-September 22

It takes two to tango, Virgo. No matter how hard you try, you will not succeed without your partner's cooperation and assistance. Get them on board.



November 22-December 21

Mince words no more, Sagittarius. Say what you mean and mean it. A romantic interlude spices up life and puts all rumors to rest. A lawn and garden project turns out well.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY.

## ADOPT A PET



Flame is a wonderful 9 - 12 month old Calico cat. She is very friendly, beautiful, outgoing and playful. She does well with dogs and seems to like other cats. She has been spayed, Leukemia tested and vaccinated. Flame is looking for a good home.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4/18	56	28	0.04						
4/19	45	32	0.09	High 55	High 48	High 63	High 65	High 63	High 57
4/20	65	28	0	Low 35	Low 35	Low 40	Low 42	Low 39	Low 38
4/21	71	28	0						
4/22	74	31	0						
4/23	82	37	0						
4/24	64	32	0.20	Cloudy	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy



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## 1. Real Estate

**2-3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06/tf/1)

**BY OWNER** 205 State Street. Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, upgraded kitchen, master bed and bath, and sun room, windows, vinyl siding, garage. \$89,900. call 231-263-0231 or cell 989-619-5561. (4/5/07/tf/1)

## 1. Real Estate

**NEW HOME** river access, 104 Black Bear \$125,000, cabin \$75,000, 989-348-4840. (-19-26-3-10/1)

**MOBILE HOME FOR SALE** 70x14 living/dining expando. 1989 Victorian, must move. (-19-26/1)

**LITTLE SHORT** on down payment? Lease with option to purchase. Available on 205 State Street, \$89,900. 231-263-0231 or 989-619-5561. (-19-26/1)

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**HOME FOR SALE** Reduced: 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, bonus sun-room, heated 3 car garage, extra large lot, quiet neighborhood. Two miles between Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake. 3622 Lansing Road. 989-281-0321, www.lech.ws \$93,000 firm. (LR5/3/07/1)

**FOR SALE** 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large den, appliances, furniture, garage and more. \$63,500. 1-586-382-1960. (-26-3-10/1)

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**REDUCED.** Remarkable purchase available. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with full-size basement near Grayling. Only \$59,900. Frisbey Real Estate. Toll free, 866-670-4656. (-19-26/1)

**MANISTEE RIVER** 37 acres & 1,200 ft. pristine waterfront. Ideal trout fishing! Large cabin, 5 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 car garage, \$359,900. Call Amy-Felker-Saville, 45th Parallel Realty Premier, Elk Rapids, 231-649-9955. (-26/1)

## 1. Real Estate



Connie Winans, sales agent for Century 21 River Country, presents new home buyers Ray Jones & Julie Posey with their

**CASH BACK AT CLOSING CHECK.**

See any Century 21 agent about how you can also get cash back at closing when purchasing a home through Century 21 River Country.



Trout fishing/snowmobiling cabin or first home. This meets all the needs. Located between Louie's Landing and Keystone landing with the AuSable River less than 1 mile away. Lots of trails close-by. 1 year home warranty included. #244932 \$69,900



203 feet of frontage on the Upper AuSable River. Excellent brook trout fishing. House in very private setting with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a large deck. Lot size 203 x 655 x 216 x 716. Total sq. ft. 1104. #244915 \$129,900



Great home on Manistee Lake canal with 83' of frontage. Has seawall with power for your boat. Wonderful fenced-in yard, wrap-around deck, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large great room and cozy breakfast area. 2-car garage is divided in half for private work area. 800 acre Manistee Lake is all-sports, good fishing, plus great winter & summer sports area. #230026 \$144,000



This property should be called the "Holy Waters", very little canoe traffic, very private in a park like setting including majestic white pines. Home is freshly painted, open floor plan with formal dining room, 2 zone heat, updated electric, newer roof, 4 large bedrooms with new laminate, well insulated, rental home with good rental income and more. Home Warranty included. #248002 \$238,800



Cozy home/cabin offers everything that is "up north" with the famous AuSable River just 30' away. Privy and all the log cabin amenities are surrounding you in this 2 bedroom, 1 bath, riverside deck, original stone fireplace, furniture and all the wildlife you want. Just bring your personal items and move right in. #249076 \$259,900

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989-348-6481

**VACANT LAND**

Great 10 acre parcel offers mixed variety of tree cover, a hill, and adjoins state land to the South and East sides. Great property to build new home with a walk-out basement or just to enjoy. Close to Manistee river and trails. #246818 \$39,900

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*Good Luck Anglers!!!!*

## Residential Riverfront



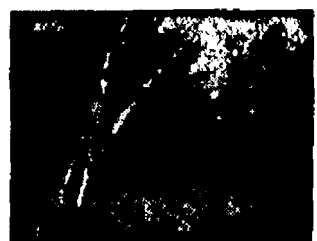
**AuSable Log Lodge** - The quintessential log home! Over 2,000 square feet of amazing craftsmanship on 6 acres with 230' of Holy Water frontage. \$499,900 Chad

**AuSable Lodge** - Stunning 5 bed, 4.5 bath cedar home with a wonderful lodge feel. Enjoy 10.8 acres surrounded by National Forest and 680' of trophy water. \$599,000 Bear



**Manistee Home** - Spectacular cedar home on the best trout fishing waters of the entire river. 2,192 sq. ft. on 4.4 acres with 433' of amazing frontage. \$429,900 Chad

**AuSable Cabin** - Terrific cabin with sweeping views of the river. Well maintained 2 bedroom cabin is ready to enjoy. The cabin sits within 30' of the river. \$199,000 Bear



**Manistee Acreage** - 31 acres, 850' +/- on the Manistee below 612 and 900' +/- on Goose Creek is the setting for this three bedroom home and garage. \$399,900 Chad



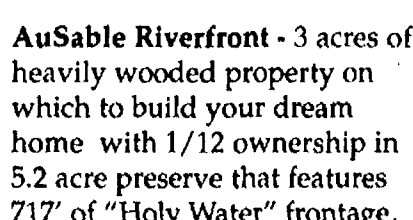
## Vacant Riverfront

**AuSable Vacant** - 2+ wooded acres with 202' of direct 'Holy Water' frontage. Also receive shared ownership of adjacent 5 acres and 720' of frontage with large trout pond and river boat house. \$157,500 Chad

**AuSable North Branch** - 2 separate estate sized parcels available. One with 3.61 acres and 210' of frontage, \$127,500. The other with 3.99 acres and 211' of frontage for \$127,500 or they may be purchased together for \$239,900. Bear

**Manistee Riverfront** - Terrific heavily wooded parcel offers nice views over the famous Manistee River. 1.9 acres with 231' of frontage with a cedar mini cabin to hang your hat and waders while you build. Includes ownership in 80 acre parcel for additional recreation \$99,900. Chad

**AuSable Riverfront** - 3 acres of heavily wooded property on which to build your dream home with 1/12 ownership in 5.2 acre preserve that features 717' of "Holy Water" frontage, private trout pond, and AuSable River boat house. \$89,900 Chad



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**RE/MAX**  
of Grayling




### 1. Real Estate

**WANTED TO RENT** mobile home lot with hookups, in Grayling. Possible rent to own? 989-415-3168. (-26/1)

**REDUCED COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL** M-72 West close to town, 2 lots, 103 feet, 2 bedroom mobile, new 4 inch well, footings and crawl space insulation, new paint and carpet and storage building. \$52,900 by owner. 989-348-7355 (12/7/06tf/1)

**BEHIND ON YOUR HOUSE PAYMENT**, threatened with foreclosure, don't know what to do? Don't lose everything. I can help. Don't wait while the payments pile up, call me today; selling your house now might save you substantial money. Charlotte Bloomquist, Century 21 River Country Real Estate Agent, 989-390-1393/989-348-5474. (-26-3/1)

### 1. Real Estate



This home has 1800 SF with spacious rooms on one level, there is about 900 SF upstairs that has not been finished. Home has been kept very nicely and is just a short walk to Horseshoe Lake and also right on the snowmobile trail. \$139,900 #5735

Call  
**Pete Kocenas**  
Century 21  
RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE  
989-344-1800  
Grayling

### 2. For Rent

**WORKING IN THE AREA** and need housing by the week or month? We can help. North Country Lodge. 348-8471. (LR5/10/07/2)

**ROOM TO RENT** with household privileges, separate bathrooms. M-72 area east of Grayling. No indoor smoking. \$250 per month. 906-293-8724 or Renee, 989-348-5040. (-26-3/2)

### \$99 Move-In Special

Grayling Pines Apartments, 595 Meadows Drive in Grayling, is currently accepting applications for a beautiful 2 bedroom apartment, on the 2nd floor. Grayling Pines is a Family Community. Immediate occupancy available to qualified applicants. Section 8 vouchers welcome. For more information call Peggy at 989-344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.

### 2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX'S** 8114 Insley Ave. \$490. 810 Park St. \$480. Extensive remodeling in progress. No smoking. 989-348-2178. (4/12/07tf/2)

**FOR RENT 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath** mobile home in city of Grayling, \$550 month + deposit, no pets. Call 989-389-0417 or cell, 989-312-0609. (-26/2)

### WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

595 Meadows Drive in Grayling, is currently accepting applications for immediate occupancy, to qualified applicants for a 1 and a 2 bedroom apartment. Whispering Pines is an Elderly Community, over the age of 62, or disabled of any age. For more information, please call Peggy at 989-344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.

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**HOUSE FOR RENT** 2 bedrooms, stove, refrigerator, security light and trash removal included. Basement laundry with washer/dryer. \$450 monthly plus utilities and \$250 deposit. Absolutely no pets. Credit and work references required. Located 5 miles west on M-72, 989-348-5911 or cell, 989-370-1696.

**HOUSE FOR RENT** on the AuSable River, 12 miles east of Grayling, 2007 S. Town Line Rd., off M-72 and Wakeley Bridge Rd. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, completely remodeled. \$600/month, plus \$600 security. References and credit check, no pets. 989-348-4716. (4/12/07tf/2)

**SMALL UPDATED 2 BEDROOM** near Lake Margrethe. Utilities, deposit \$475. No pets, no smoking. 989-344-2482. (-12-19-26/2)

**2 BEDROOM 1 BATH** house. Electric heat. \$485/month plus deposit. Only 10 minutes from Grayling or Kalkaska. Call 231-275-6887. (-26/2)

**FOUR BEDROOM** 2 bath, two car garage, attached, \$750 monthly. 989-344-2002. (-26-3-10-17/2)

**3 BEDROOM HOUSE** 2 family rooms, large dining room, \$600 a month plus heating. Frederic area. 989-348-2060. (4/19/07tf/2)

**3 BEDROOM DUPLEX** in Roscommon, \$525 plus utilities and deposit. 989-348-2466. (4/26/07tf/2)

**2 BEDROOM DUPLEX** washer, dryer, \$500 per month plus utilities and deposit. 989-348-2466. (4/26/07tf/2)

**FOR RENT IN GRAYLING** Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, garage and fenced back yard. \$600/month. 231-263-0234. (-26-3-10/2)

### 3. Employment

**DuBois Lumber & Rental Center** is currently taking applications for the position of cashier/check-out. This is a part time position. Please apply in person at DuBois Lumber 6593 West M-72, Grayling.

**AUTO SALES REPRESENTATIVE** Scheer Motors in Grayling is looking for a new and used car sales representative. Apply in person at Scheer Motors. See Rick Longendyke General manager.

### 2. For Rent

**HOUSE TO SHARE** with non-smoking woman. All utilities, etc. \$250 monthly, references. Grayling, 989-348-7506. (-26/2)

**BUILDING FOR RENT** New, perfect for warehousing. Approx. 3,500 s.f. 6840 west M-72. For info, call Art, 989-348-4252. (-26-3/2)

**MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT** \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

### 3. Employment

**ATTENTION DRIVERS** no experience necessary. TMC Transportation needs drivers. \$650 per week guaranteed. Off weekends. Local CDL training. 800-882-7364. (-5-12-19-26/3)

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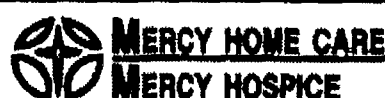
**CLIENT ADVOCATE** River House, Inc. River House, Inc. is seeking candidates for a full time Client Advocate position. The primary responsibility of the Client Advocate is the support of adult and child victims of domestic violence. Knowledge of the dynamics of trauma and an understanding of domestic and sexual violence is helpful. Advocacy and group facilitation skills are needed for this position. BSW or BA in a human service field preferred. Shift is M-F days with some on-call responsibilities. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume to Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. E-mail: slewis@trinity-health.org. Fax: 989-348-0485. Phone: 989-348-0570. (-19-26/3)



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**Have a personal impact. Give them someone to lean on. Hospice needs YOU!** We represent our mission and values in every employee and volunteer, and we want you to join in that tradition. Candidate must be a graduate from an accredited school and have a current Michigan license. Requirements: Minimum 1 year of professional nursing experience, ability to assess and act upon client needs without direct supervision, and willingness to travel in our geographic region. Automated documentation system, experience with this a plus. Incredible benefits, competitive pay, some on-call responsibility. For immediate consideration, please fax resume to:

Brenda Lake, Business Manager  
Fax 989-348-0047  
or call  
1-800-424-1457

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Mercy Home Care/Mercy Hospice is seeking a FT Team Leader who will be located in Grayling/Houghton Lake offices. This person must be a graduate of an approved Nursing Education program, Bachelors in Nursing preferred, and have a current Registered Nurse Licensure in the state of Michigan. Two years or more of Home Healthcare experience required. Must have a current Drivers License and reliable transportation. Proficiency in computers is a plus. This person must have the ability to consistently demonstrate a commitment to the mission and Organizational Code of ethics, and adhere to the compliance program.

Candidates may fax resume to:  
Brenda Lake, Business & Facilities Manager  
989-348-0047 (fax)  
or by calling  
989-348-0044 for a confidential appointment/interview

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### Oscoda County Housing Director

The County of Oscoda is seeking applications for the position of a Part-Time Housing Director, 28 hours per week. The Applicant will report to the Oscoda County Housing Commission & Oscoda County Board of Commissioners. The qualified candidate must work well with clients, contractors, and all levels of government, board members, peers, and also work independently as well as being a participating member of housing related organizations. The applicants must attend scheduled meetings, have excellent written and oral communication, computer knowledge, and experience in Finance and Grant Writing is preferred. Job Description available at the Board of Commissioner's Office.

Send your Resume to:

Oscoda County Board of Commissioners  
Attn: Housing  
P.O. Box 399  
Mio, MI 48647

Resumes will be accepted until April 30, 2007  
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### Oscoda County EDC/BRA Director Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

The Oscoda County of Board of Commissioners are accepting applications for the position of a Part-Time EDC/BRA Director, 10 hours per week.  
\*The Director will report to the Board of Commissioner's and a nine- (9) Member EDC Board.  
\*Excellent written and oral communication skills required.  
\*Experience in Finance and Grant Writing preferred.  
\*The Director must be able to communicate with all levels of Government.  
\*The Director must attend scheduled monthly meetings.  
Job Description available at the Board of Commissioner's Office.

Send your Resume to:

Oscoda County Board of Commissioners  
P.O. Box 399  
Mio, MI 48647

Resumes will be accepted until April 30, 2007  
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This property has excellent state highway exposure on busy M-72. The property is wide and deep and could have many possible uses. Building currently is broken into several areas used for storage, shop, office, and retail. \$170,000 #5837

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**Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 bath** home with a full finished basement and a two car garage situated on a double lot located next to the Grayling Middle School. Home features hardwood and ceramic tile flooring, ceiling fans and nice landscaping. A deal at \$87,000 #5761

**Snowmobiler's delight!** Immaculate two bedroom, 1.5 bath mobile home situated on 5 acres of hardwoods. Home features hardwood flooring, huge master bath, decking and porch. New metal roof in 2007. Priced for a quick sale only \$49,900 #5804

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**Beautiful 3 to 5 bedroom home** with 2 baths, full finished basement, large garage, all perched over a beautiful bend on the Manistee River. Get your fly rod, the fishing here is great. \$260,000 #5650

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### 3. Employment

### Grayling Recreation Authority Program Director Job Description

Deadline: May 4, 2007

Description:

Under the direct supervision of the Director of Operations for the Grayling Recreation Authority, this position is responsible for the effective planning, coordination, supervision, delivery and evaluation of comprehensive year-round, seasonal and special recreational activities and programs for the Grayling Recreation Authority.

- Supervise seasonal staff in absence of Director
- Develop schedules, coordinate volunteers and program officials
- Research and prepare Grant applications and sponsorship requests to enhance recreation programs
- Marketing and promotion of programs through advertising, including the creation of seasonal brochures, news releases, flyers, pamphlets and all public relation materials
- Perform related tasks as required for the organization
- May be required to physically set up programs
- Evening and weekend hours are required on a regular basis
- Provide input to new programs

Requirements:

Recreational Experience Recommended.

Employer Information:

The Grayling Recreation Authority (G.R.A.) is a non-profit organization, located in Grayling, Michigan. G.R.A. manages and operates Hanson Hills Recreation Area, www.hansonhills.org, the Grayling Fish Hatchery, along with providing various recreational programs and special events for the community of Grayling.

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### 3. Employment



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**EVERGREEN PARTY STORE** cashier needed for summer, some fall and winter hours. 989-821-5425. (-19-26/3)

**NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION** Posting date: April 17, 2007. Position: Grayling High School freshman Girls Volleyball Coach. Qualifications: Coaching ninth grade girls to develop basic volleyball skills. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable Schools, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: 12 noon, April 30, 2007. (-19-26/3)

**PART-TIME GENERAL ACCOUNTING** and office clerk: Grayling Area. Accounts payable and receivable, data entry and customer service, some phone assistance. Quickbooks and Microsoft proficient, 2-3 years similar office experience in accounting and office work. Hours, 20-24 per week, are flexible. Must be willing to grow and assume responsibility. Summit resume to: RCB, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-26-3/3)

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### 3. Employment

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**DJ & SOFTBALL UMPIRE** wanted. No equipment necessary. 989-826-6292 weekends. (-26-3/3)

**ARTIST & CRAFTSMAN** wanted for consignment shop. All mediums large and small. Call 231-369-3564. (-26-3/10/3)

### 4. Services Offered

**JERRY'S SPRING CLEAN UP** Tools, rack, truck, leaf raking, chain saw, hauling debris. Two man crew, hourly charged. 989-348-7046 (-26-3/4)

### 3. Employment



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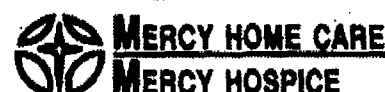


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Candidates may fax resume to:  
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### Composition

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**THE GRAYLING PROM** is May 12. Stop by J. Dap Tuxedo Rental to reserve the tux you want. Hurry in before the style you want is gone. J. Dap Tuxedo Rental is located at 118 Michigan Avenue, in Grayling. Call 989-348-4011 with any questions. (-5-12-19-26/5)

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**JOIN J. DAP CO Gift Store** and other uptown merchant's, Saturday, April 28 for the "Reel 'Em In and Win" fishing contest. Have the biggest fish and win a \$100 gift certificate good at any of the participating merchant's. J. Dap will have special deal's that day, including 25% off all candles. One day only. J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Ave. in Grayling. (-26/5)

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### 5. For Sale

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### 6. Wanted

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### 8. Announcements

**FAMILY, GRIEF** or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06/t/8)

**GHS CLASS OF 1997** 10 year reunion, August 18, 2007, Grayling Country Club. Please send addresses for invites and information to: ghsclass1997@hotmail.com. (LR5/17/07/8)

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**TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT** this year. For that birthday or anniversary, try one of our getaway suites at the North Country Lodge. 348-8471. (LR5/10/07/8)

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**HEADS UP NORTH** would like to welcome Margaret Ritchie to their staff. Call 348-7890 for an appointment. (-26-3/8)

**HEADS UP NORTH** is now doing massages on Wednesday's. Call 348-7890 for an appointment. (-26-3/8)

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**WOMEN OF ALL** golfing skill levels: Chicks with Sticks league forming now. Meeting, May 14, 5:30 p.m. at Grayling Country Club. (-26-3/8)

**BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER** for Juanita Tanski, suddenly diagnosed with colon, liver and Lymphatic cancer. April 29, 12-6 p.m., Frederic Fire Department. Bake Sale, 50/50, silent auction. \$6 adults, \$4 children 12 & under, \$20 family. All proceeds to cover living expenses for Juanita. Thank you for your support. Tammy, Steve, Richard, James and Matthew Haight. (-26/8)

**CUSTOM SIGNS** lettering and banners for your business, truck or trailer. Color printing service, brochures, posters, newsletters, business cards. Call Pete Kocenas. 348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268. (4/26/07/t/8)

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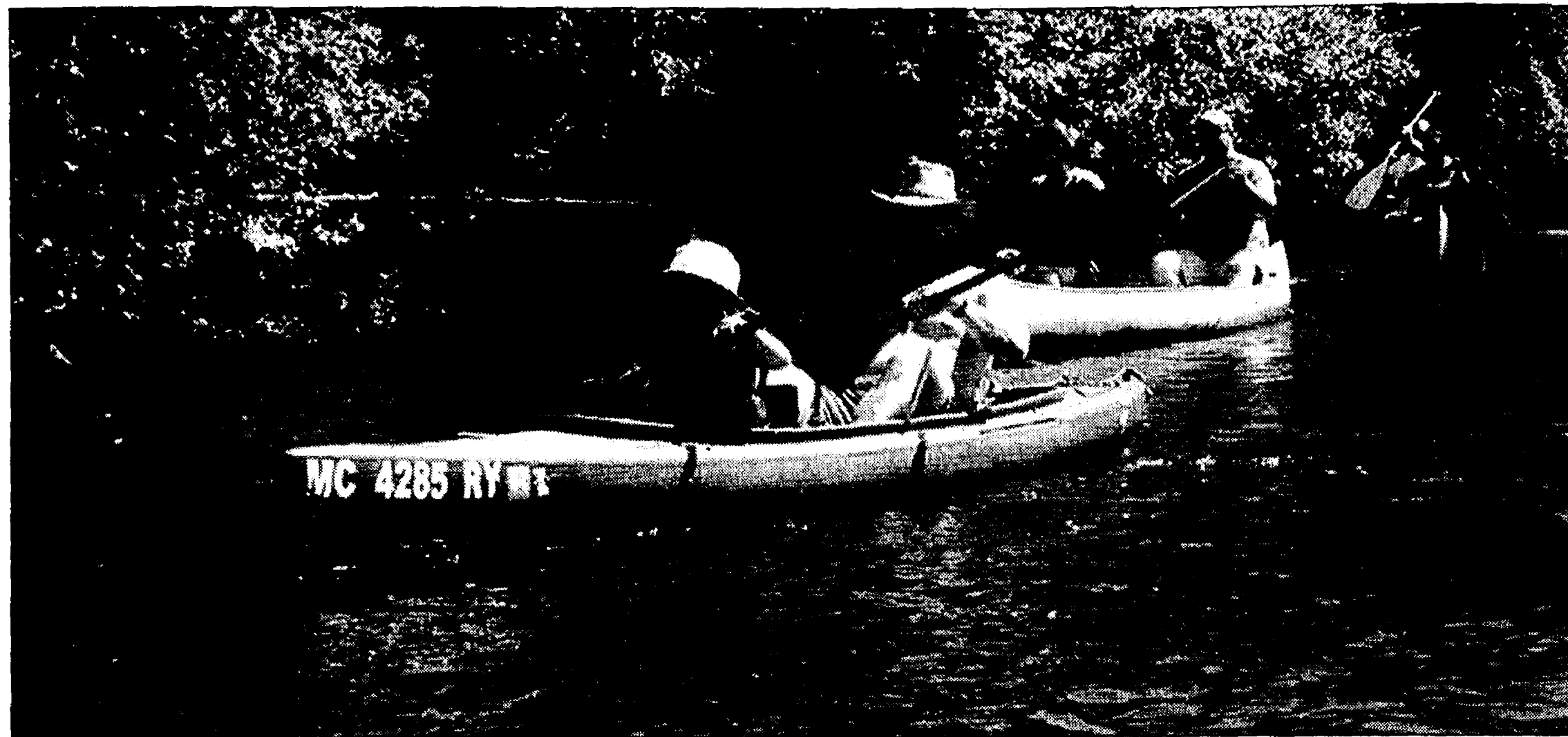
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great way for families to enjoy northern Michigan's great outdoors. It is not unusual to see deer, mink, otter, beavers, ducks, wild turkeys, a great blue heron or, occasionally, a bald eagle, while on your canoe trip.

Area canoe liveries offer river day-trips ranging in length from about two to six hours and overnight canoe/camp trips from two to six days, or more. Many families pack a picnic lunch for their day on the river. For those considering an overnight trip, there are state forest campgrounds strategically located at various points along the rivers. Canoe liveries will help you plan your trip, if needed.

The AuSable and Manistee are "Class 1" rivers, with no "whitewater" or rapids. Canoeists can generally maneuver around the rivers' natural logjams and "sweepers" (trees that hang out low over the river) without too much trouble. The water averages three to four feet deep in most places.

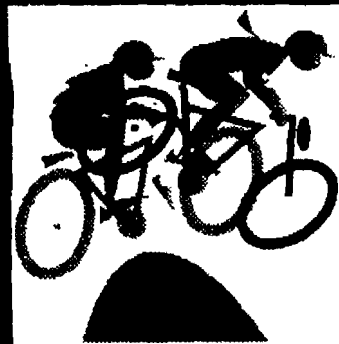
Canoeing season usually starts in May and runs

until late September or early October. Some liveries will accommodate customers at any time of the year. Each livery has its own rates, requirements, and restrictions. Summer weekends can be very busy at area canoe liveries, so advance reservations are recommended.

Guests are encouraged to dress appropriately. It's a good idea to bring an extra sweatshirt, rain gear, or a change of clothing in a secure, plastic bag. Visitors should also remember sunscreen and lightweight, long-sleeved shirts to provide sun protection on hot summer days.

All liveries ask that canoeists do not bring glass bottles or styrofoam coolers.

"We have a wonderful natural resource in our rivers," according to one local canoe livery. "They belong to all of us and must be respected and taken care of by all of us. Keep litter in your canoes and use the landings provided so this wonderful canoeing experience can be shared by all."



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June 9  
June 18  
June 22-23  
June 23-24  
July 26  
July 28  
August 18  
September 13  
September 15

Hanson Hills Challenge Run @ Hanson Hills Race Start 9 am  
Youth Golf Program Begins @ Grayling Country Club - Reg. Required  
Wilderness First Aid - Ages 16+ - Registration Required  
Michigan Traditional Bowhunters Jamboree @ Hanson Hills  
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Endurance Trail Run (Trail/Fun Run) @ Hanson Hills Race Start 9 am  
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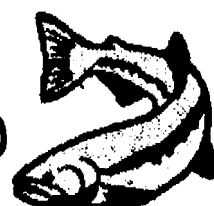
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# Trout fishing season to start this weekend

Trout fishing season opens this weekend. The season runs from the last Saturday in April – April 28 this year – to Sept. 30. Both of Crawford County's world-renowned blue ribbon trout streams – the AuSable and Manistee rivers – offer excellent fishing opportunities.

In fact, the Grayling Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution designating the greater community of Grayling 'The Trout Fishing Capital of the Eastern United States' in September of 1998.

The upper AuSable River and the Manistee River systems are two of the most stable systems in the United States, which makes them more accessible to fishermen year round. Each system offers catches of native Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout to the discerning angler.

There are numerous public accesses, and rental canoes are available for anglers to enjoy the rivers for fishing or sport. Local

sport shops and lodging accommodations have area maps and generally have information about hatches and water conditions.

Fishing regulations vary between sections on the rivers with some areas designated for "flies only," and several miles of the AuSable River for "catch and release." The majority of the waters, however, are open to any type of fishing, including flies, hardware, and bait.

Hatch activity generally begins in early March with the onset of spring and the emerging Blackstones. Hendricksons are usually hatching by the opening day of trout season. Afternoon hatches, with little pressure from other river users, makes early to mid-May a popular time for many fly fishers. Other early season hatches include the Little Mahogany, Little Black Caddis, and Blue Winged Olives.

By mid-May, most hatches and spinner falls

occur in late afternoon. The Sulfur hatch begins in late May and lasts about two weeks. The first week of June is a popular time on area streams as the Brown Drake hatch occurs.

Hatches continue through May and June, generally culminating with the "Hex" hatch, which is the big Michigan Mayfly, the Hexagenia Limbata. This hatch brings the fly fishers in large numbers as it is the time when trophy fish regularly surface-feed.

It is important to mention that most of the anglers who are successful in catching the larger trout fish for them during the late evening and on into the night. Fishermen are often found on the streams all night waiting for the spinner falls, which generally come between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., and for the hatches, which occur after 10 p.m. and last sometimes until the wee hours of the morning.

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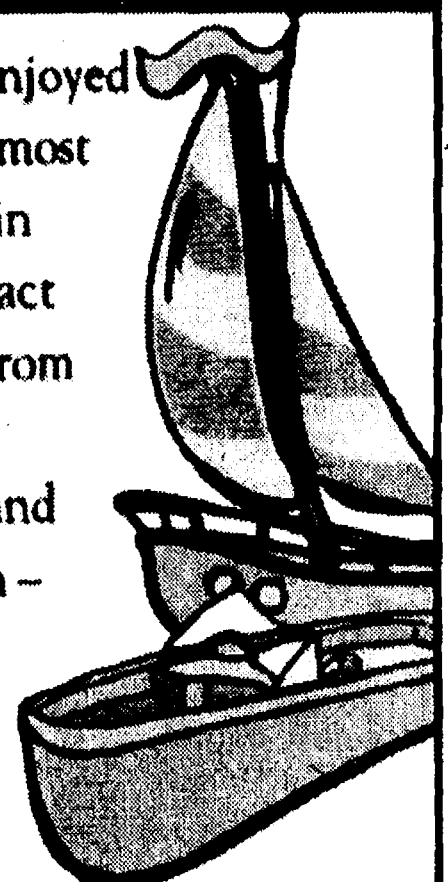
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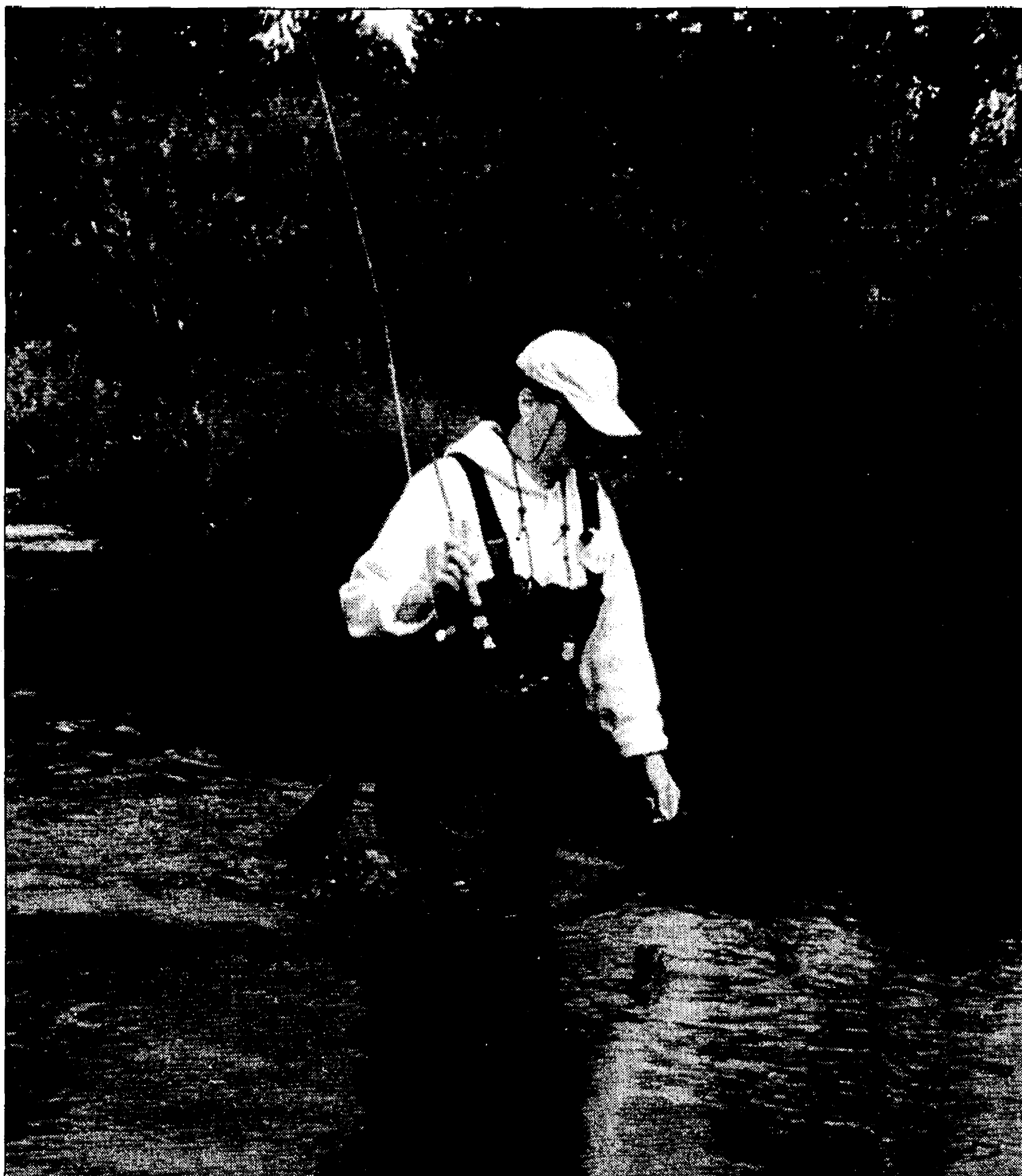
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August brings the terrestrials: grasshoppers, ants and crickets. The warm sunny days are an ideal time to fish the Brown Trout lying along the grass banks waiting for that careless hopper. As mother nature starts to dip her paintbrush and color the

leaves, enjoy the solitude of a quiet day and cool evening with Brown and Brook Trout becoming more active. It's a great time to come to northern Michigan and experience fall colors, late lake fishing, bird hunting and Salmon fishing.

For a special experience, there are several very knowledgeable local guides who offer guided float trips.

In addition to offering two of the finest fishing rivers available, the Crawford County area is home to numerous lakes, which also offer excellent fishing opportunities. Lake Margrethe and Higgins Lake are the two largest bodies of water in the county, offering a variety of lake fishing, with Lake Margrethe giving up good catches of Walleye and Northern Pike. (Open season for Walleye, Pike, and Muskellunge runs from the last Saturday in April to March 15 in the Lower Peninsula's inland waters.)

Opening of Bass season usually finds quantities of fair-sized Large- and

Smallmouth Bass, which can be fished with live bait as well as artificial. (Bass season runs from the Saturday prior to Memorial Day to Dec. 31 on most Michigan waterways, including the Great Lakes.)

Lake Margrethe also offers Bluegill and Perch for the panfisherman. (Panfish season is open year round.)

Higgins Lake is recognized as being one of the 10 most beautiful lakes in the United States, and it is well worth the time spent to learn how to catch its Brown and Lake Trout, as well as Splake. Higgins also offers very large Northern Pike and is noted for its wintertime Perch and Smelt fishing.

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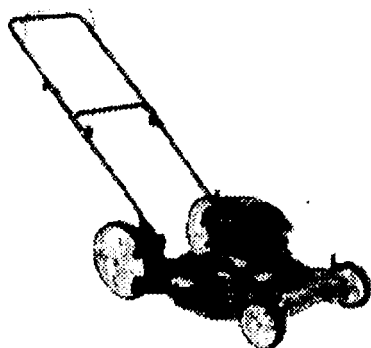
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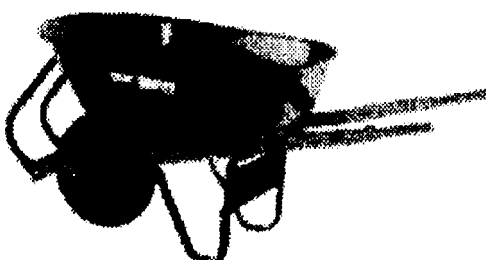
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# Golf: It's a game for a lifetime

By Scott Schneider  
For NewsUSA

(NewsUSA) - So you are getting a little older, and those aches and pains from tennis, softball and running are beginning to interfere with your everyday life.

If you are tired of not being able to participate in your company's outings or play sports with your spouse on Saturday and Sunday, maybe it's time to take up a game that truly is a game for a lifetime: golf.

Here are just a few of the benefits that golf offers:

- Fun for all ages and abilities. I played with a 76-year-old recently, and he nearly beat me.

- Quality time with friends and family in a beautiful outdoor environment. There is nothing like getting your competitive spirit going - you against the course.

- Golf is a game that can and will challenge your physical and mental capabilities. Particularly with children, the game can teach life lessons that can be applied to everyday life, such as patience, honesty, respect for others and

strategic thinking.

- I mentioned patience; we all need to master it. Playing golf will help the most impatient person. While playing, you face twists and turns on every shot; the game requires you to adjust to different situations and environments.

- Like a challenge? Golf will provide a constant quest for the perfect swing, the right equipment and the right instruction that can help you meet your goals.

Getting started is easier than you might think. True, it is a hard game to master, but with a few lessons from an understanding instructor, you can get the basics down very quickly. You can receive this instruction in many forms - from private to group to an actual school. Borrow or rent a couple of clubs to get started before you leap into buying a set of new ones.

Lessons are offered for different playing abilities. Take your lessons seriously. Investigate a golf instructor like you would a doctor or lawyer. Seek referrals and interview

your instructor before you begin. There are numerous new and improved instruction methods.

Remember what you did to learn any other sport? You learned and mastered the fundamentals of that sport. No matter your skill level, find an instructor who sticks to the fundamentals.

Many golf schools, such as Las Vegas Golf Schools, understand that fundamentals are the key to a successful golf game. A golf school provides a fun, non-threatening learning environment that will touch on all aspects of the game, no matter what the skill level. It is important to let your instructor know what you would like to accomplish. We incorporate all these aspects here at Las Vegas Golf Schools.

Think of the fun you will have with your family, the new friends you will meet and the business contacts you can expand upon when you take up the game of golf. Once you make your first birdie, you will be hooked for life.

(Scott Schneider is vice president of instruction for Las Vegas Golf Schools)

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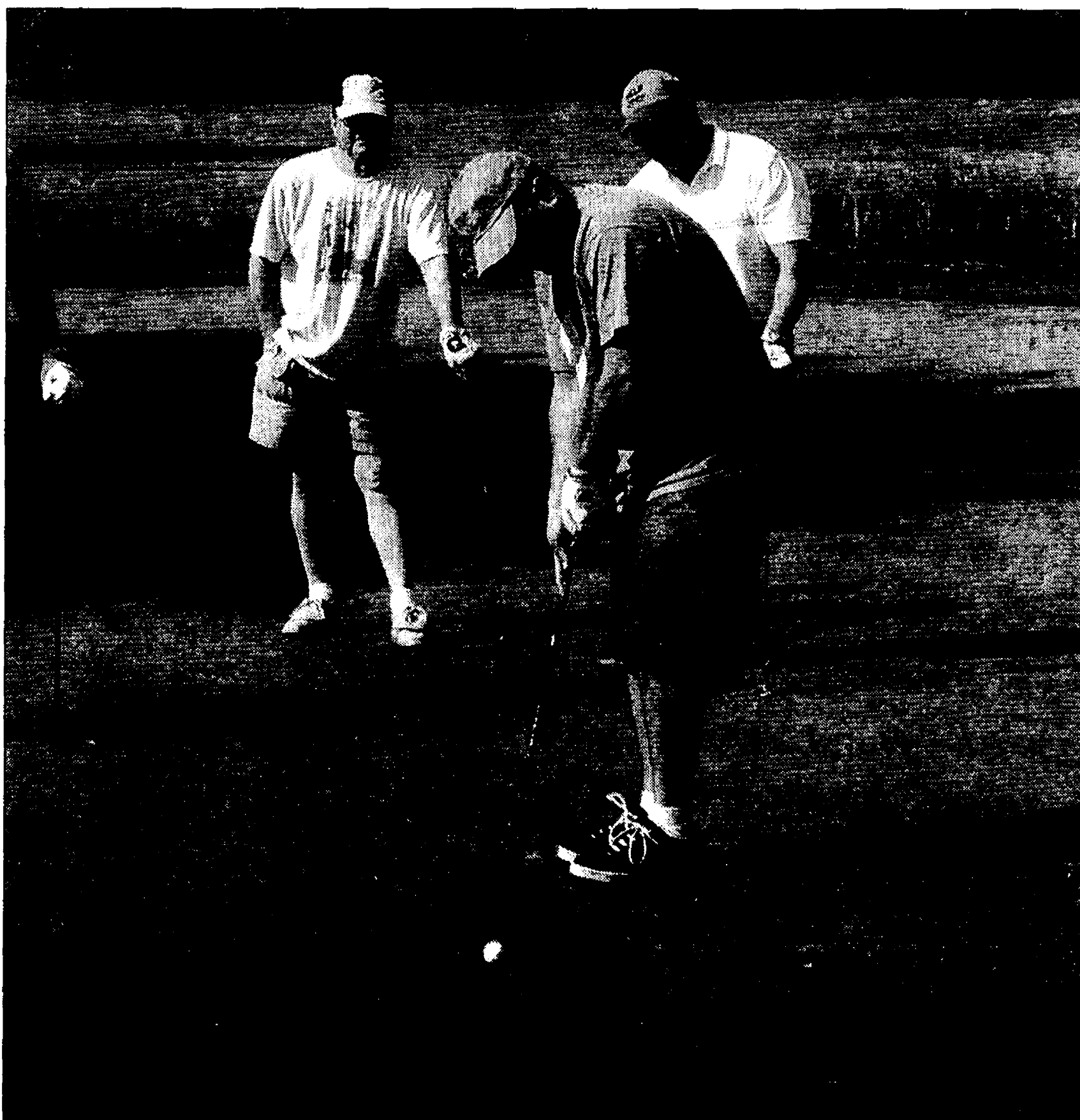
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## Walk for wellness this Arthritis Awareness Month

(ARA) – Arthritis, the number one cause of disability in the United States, affects one in five adults and nearly 300,000 children and the predictions are it will soon get worse. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that by 2030, the number of U.S. adults with arthritis will increase substantially from 46 million to nearly 67 million.

Patience White, M.D., chief public health officer for the Arthritis Foundation, hopes these new statistics will bring light to arthritis as a rising problem. "Sedentary lifestyles and an aging baby boomer population are putting millions at risk for disabling arthritis," she says. "Coupled with obesity at an all-time high in this country, we are facing a public health crisis if Americans don't take action now."

Fortunately, Dr. White states, there are a number of factors that contribute to joint health that anyone can do, anywhere, at any

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Simple activities, like walking for 30 minutes or 10 minutes three times a day, can limit the impact of arthritis now and in the future.

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# Tips to soothe tired muscles

(NewsUSA) – Summer means enjoying outdoor activities. Unfortunately, if you're just starting to get active after a long winter indoors, the increased physical activity can lead to sore muscles and pain.

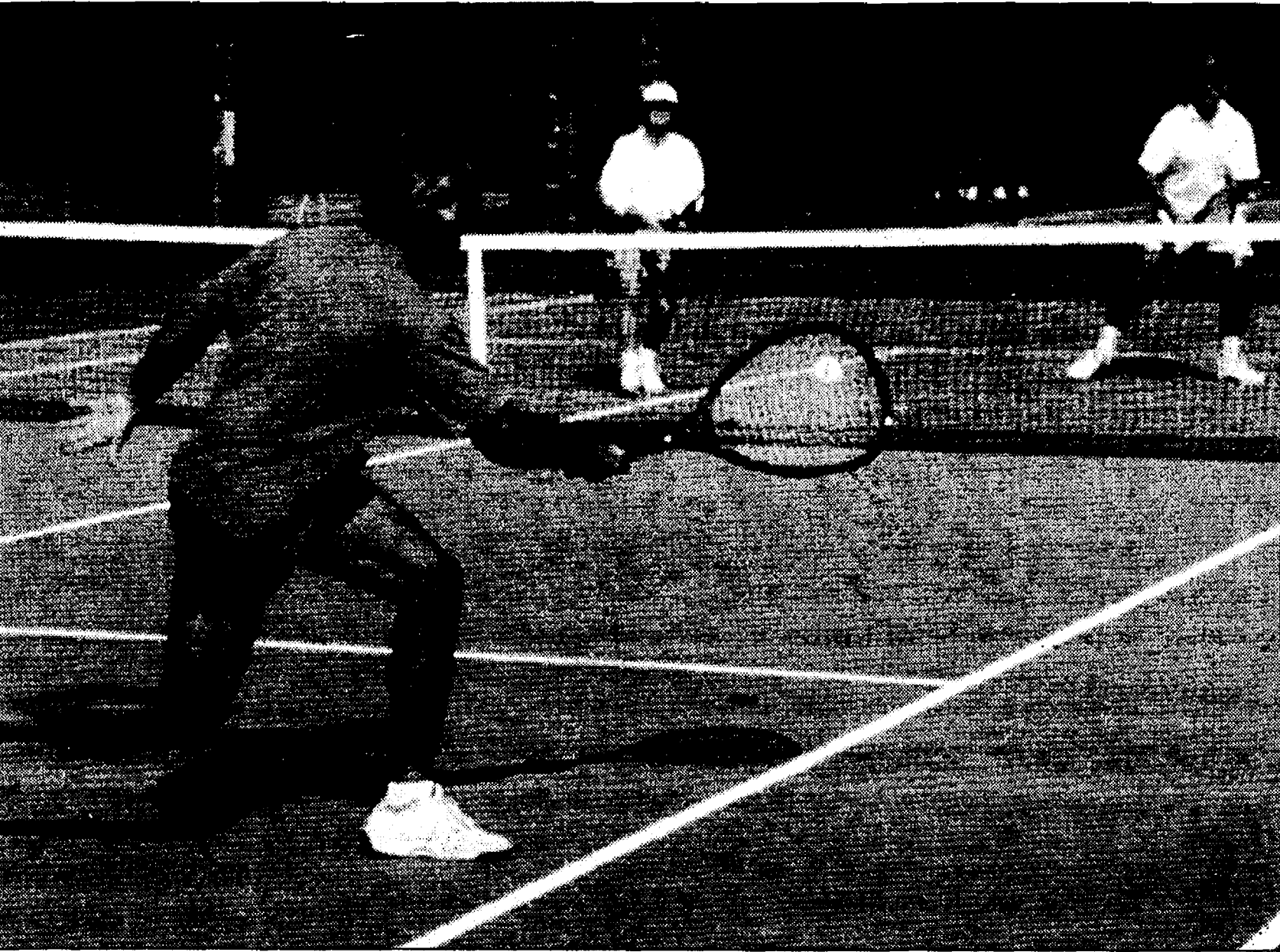
Whether you enjoy golf, gardening, tennis or leisurely bike rides, it's important to get your body in shape gradually.

Here are some tips to prevent or relieve muscle pain this summer:

- Stretch. Stretch your muscles before and after starting your activity.
- Take breaks. If something hurts, stop.
- Ease into it. Start at a slower pace and work up to more rigorous activities.
- Try massage. Massage not only soothes sore mus-

cles and helps relieve pain, but it also is a proven stress reliever.

- Relax in a whirlpool or take a warm bath. Nothing feels better than soaking in a tub after a long day of working outside.
- Apply heat or cold. This will relax muscles and relieve pain and stiffness. Applying cold also helps reduce swelling.



Summer sports, such as tennis, can cause sore muscles.

## Walk for wellness this Arthritis Awareness Month

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time. The doctor's top picks include:

- **Ward off extra pounds**

Many people aren't aware that every extra pound a person gains puts four times more stress on their knees. By watching your waistline, you will have more energy and ability to reach and maintain your goal. Work with a health care professional to determine your personal healthy weight range and follow a diet and lifestyle program.

- **Mix it up**

A balanced, nutrient rich diet is important for healthy joints. One simple rule of thumb is to eat meals with a lot of variety in color. The more color, the more nutrients you will obtain. Create an eating plan that is realistic to your individual needs and

goals which will help you obtain success.

- **Know your options**

There are many ways of improving your arthritis pain, depending on your specific needs. Options range from non-drug and natural options to prescription therapies. What works for you may not be the best choice for another. Make a visit to your physician to create a plan that's right for you.

- **Walk, walk and keep walking**

Simple activities, like walking for 30 minutes or 10 minutes three times a day, can limit the impact of arthritis now and in the future. Walking decreases joint pain, improves mobility, helps keep an ideal weight and promotes overall well-being. People are less depressed and sleep better when they are

physically active.

Part of the Arthritis Foundation's efforts to get Americans walking is through its annual Arthritis Walk event held each May during National Arthritis Month. Nationally sponsored by Nature Made TripleFlex, a joint health supplement, Arthritis Walk events are held in communities across the nation to help raise awareness and generate funds for research and programs. Walkers can sign-up as a team and come out to support a family member or friend. Dogs are welcome in most sites, too.

To learn more about getting involved in an Arthritis Walk near you, visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org) or call (877) 232-2898.

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## Boaters: Be prepared for cold water

(NewsUSA) — Balmy spring temperatures lure avid boaters and anglers back to local lakes and streams. Early-season boating, however, introduces a risk that isn't as prominent during the summer months: perilously cold water.

"Spring is a great time of year to enjoy the outdoors as long as you go prepared," says Bob Gonsalves of the recreation boating Web site [www.familyfunonthewater.com](http://www.familyfunonthewater.com). "While the air temperatures may be mild, boaters should keep

in mind that water temperatures are still cold."

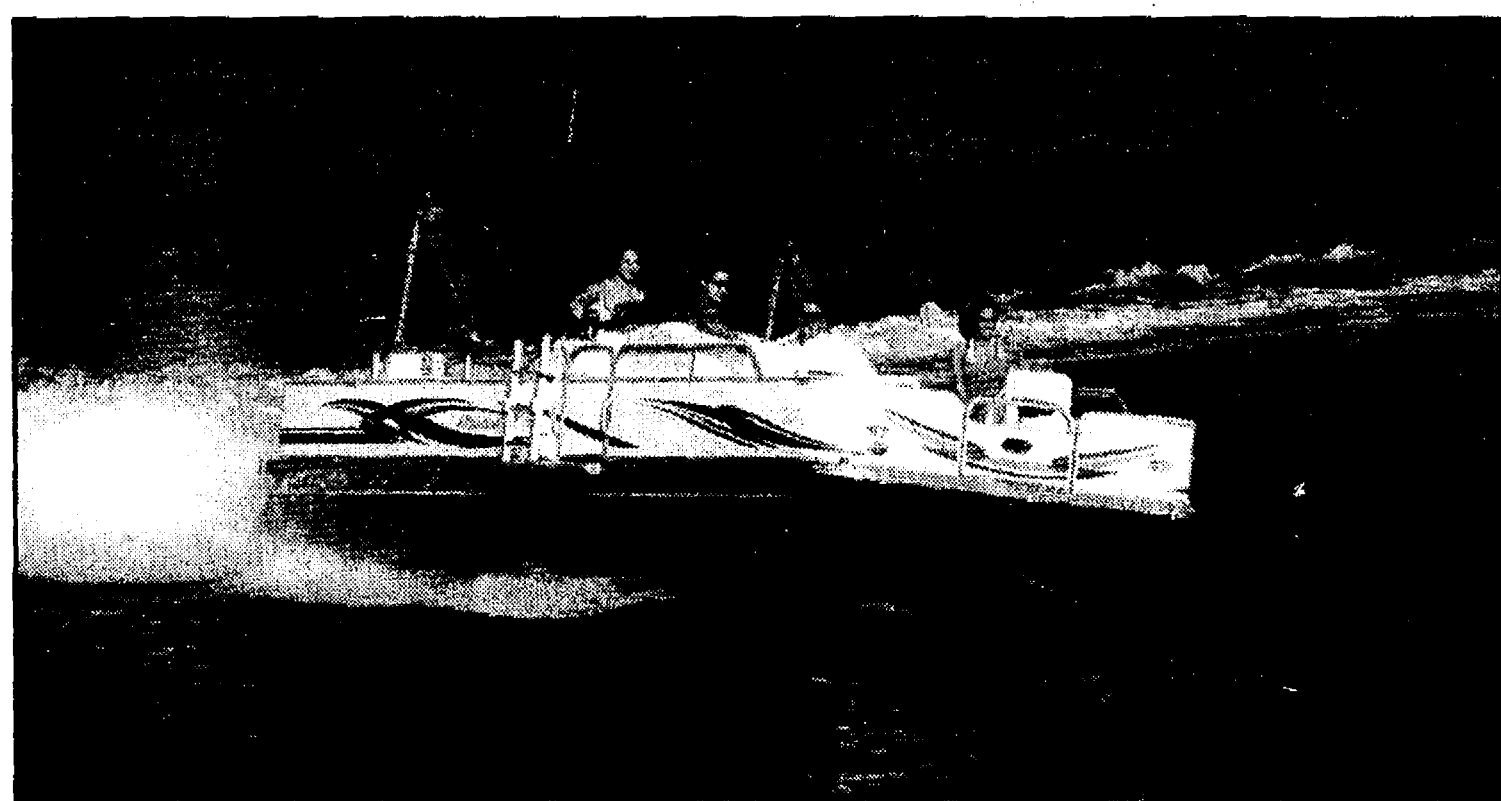
When water temperatures are 50 degrees or less, and air temperatures are as high as 60 to 70 degrees, hypothermia is possible.

Cold water takes heat away from the body 25 times faster than cold air. Normal body functions slow down, thinking is impaired and speech becomes confused. Reflexes are slowed and muscles become stiff.

By being prepared, early-season boating can be safely enjoyed. [Familyfunonthewater.com](http://Familyfunonthewater.com) offers these cold-water boating tips:

- Always wear a life jacket.
  - Wear layers of warm clothing, but avoid cotton fabrics. Wool and polypropylene clothing worn inside a waterproof jacket offers excellent protection. Personal watercraft riders should also wear a cold-water long john wetsuit, a wetsuit jacket, boots and gloves.
  - Carry a fully charged cell phone.
  - Stay alert to weather conditions.
  - Let a responsible person know what time you plan to begin and return from your boating trip.
  - Make sure all required safety equipment is aboard your craft.
- For more family boating tips, visit [www.familyfunonthewater.com](http://www.familyfunonthewater.com).

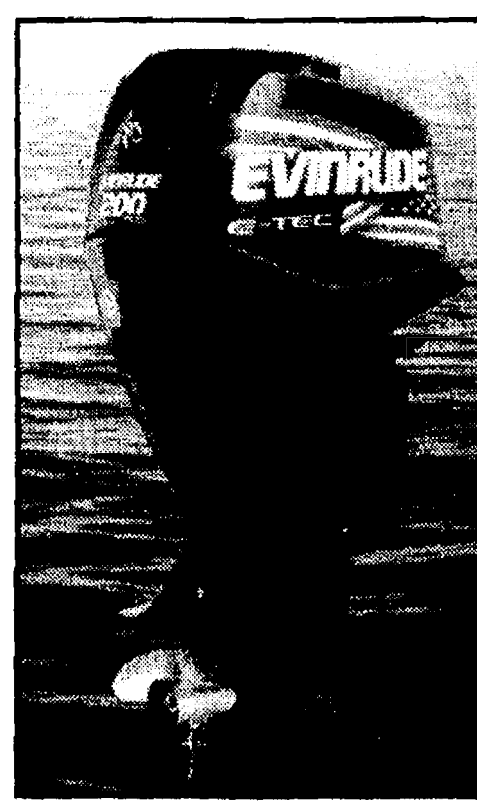
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